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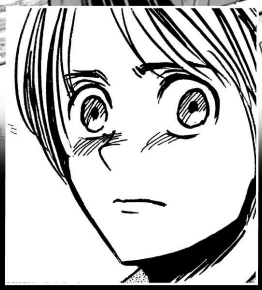
"Attack on Titan" Character Introduction

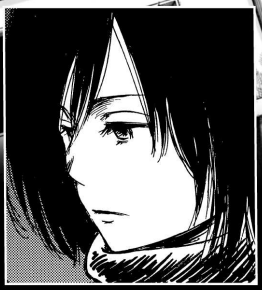
TITANS

Beings that prey on humans. Not much is known about the mode of life of these creatures, other than that their intelligence is low and they eat humans. Generally, their height varies from about 3 to 15 meters* high, which is why it was thought they wouldn't be able to get over the human-created wall, but one day, the intelligent "Colossus Titan," over 50 meters tall, appeared...

*10-50 feet

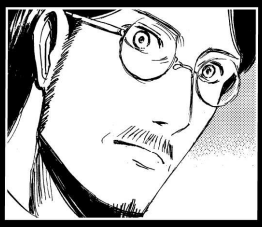


Armin Arlert
Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Armin is physically weak and feels that his two friends have protected him since they were children.



Mikasa Ackerman
Mikasa graduated at the top of her training corps. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child. Afterward, she was raised alongside Eren, whom she tenaciously tries to protect.

Eren Yeager
Longing for the world outside the wall, Eren aims to join the Survey Corps. For some reason, he is now able to turn himself into a Titan.



Grisha Yeager
A doctor and Eren's father. He went missing after the Titan attack five years ago.

A century ago, the human race built three secure concentric walls, each over 50 meters tall.* This successfully secured a safe, Titan-free territory for humans. However, five years ago, a huge Titan, taller than the outer wall, suddenly appeared. After it broke through the wall, many smaller Titans found their way in, forcing the humans to abandon their outer wall. Currently, the sphere of activity of the human race has been reduced to the area behind the second wall, "Wall Rose."

* 164 feet

Episode 14: Primitive Desire

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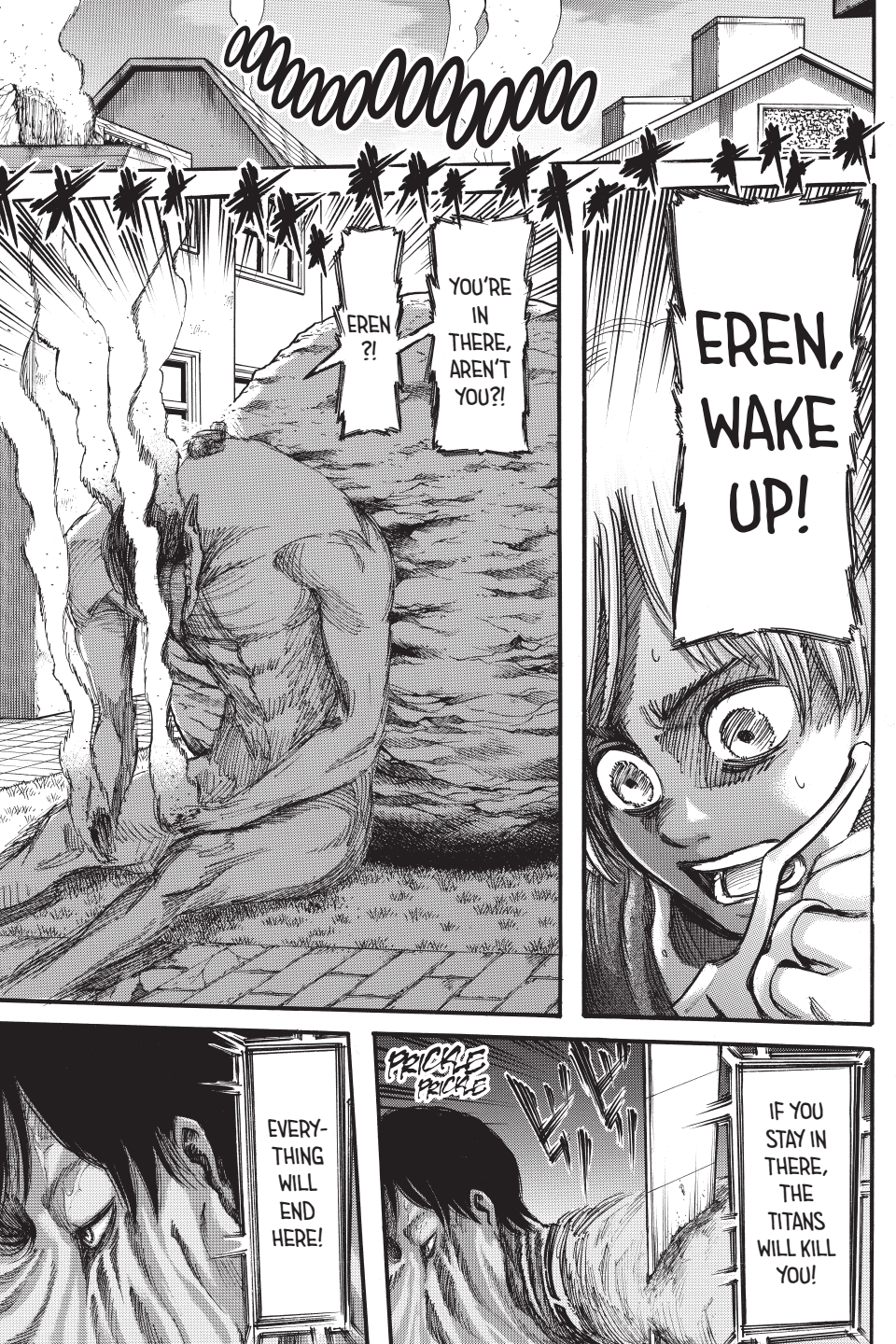
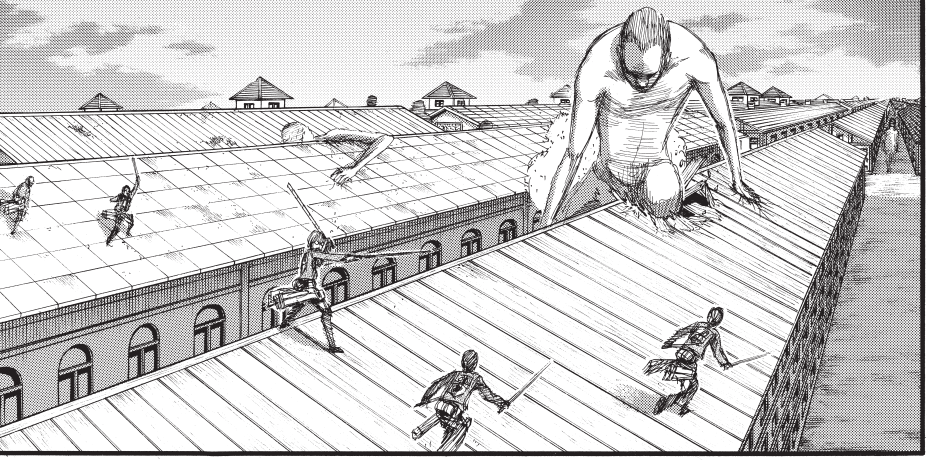
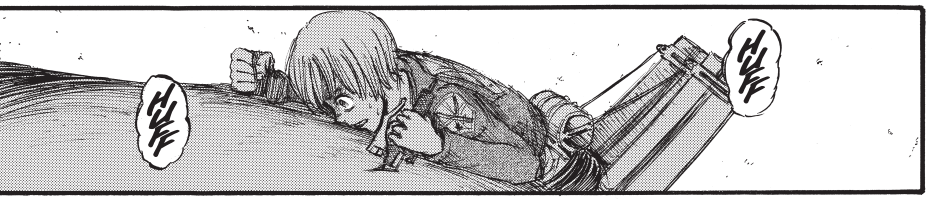
WHOOOOOOOM
!!
IT FINALLY CROAKED ?!
SON OF A BITCH !
RUMBLE
DODGE!
ONE MORE'S COMING FROM BELOW!
CHFF
...WE GOT ONE ...

LEAN
KRAK
FWOOOOOOOO
DA DA
MITABI'S SQUAD, FORM UP!
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FOR NOW!
I'M JOINING UP WITH MITABI'S SQUAD!
MIKASA, REPORTING!


EREN, WAKE UP!
YOU'RE IN THERE, AREN'T YOU?!
EREN ?!
IF YOU STAY IN THERE, THE TITANS WILL KILL YOU!
FRICKLE FRICKLE
EVERY-THING WILL END HERE!

ARMIN... I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
...
...
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO OUT-SIDE ...?
WHY BOTHER JOINING THE SURVEY CORPS...?
WHY BOTHER GOING OUTSIDE ...?
THAT'S RIGHT.

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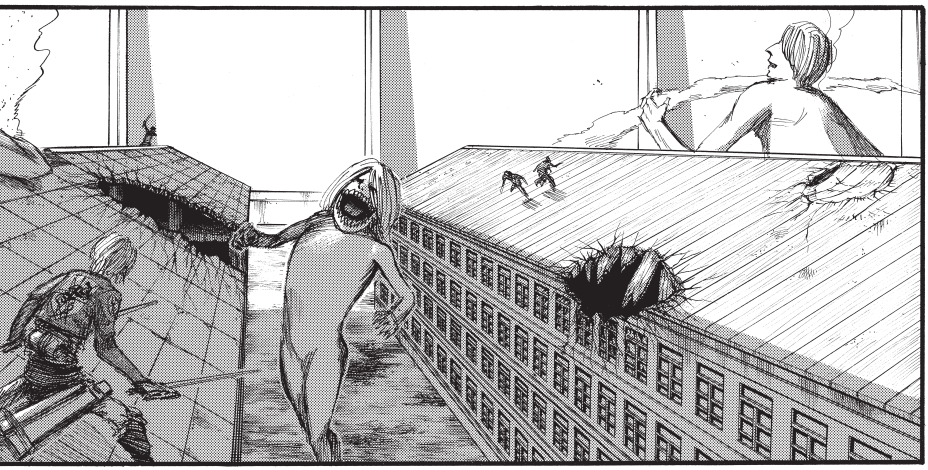

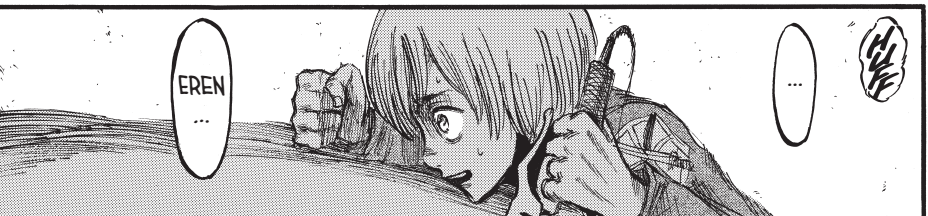
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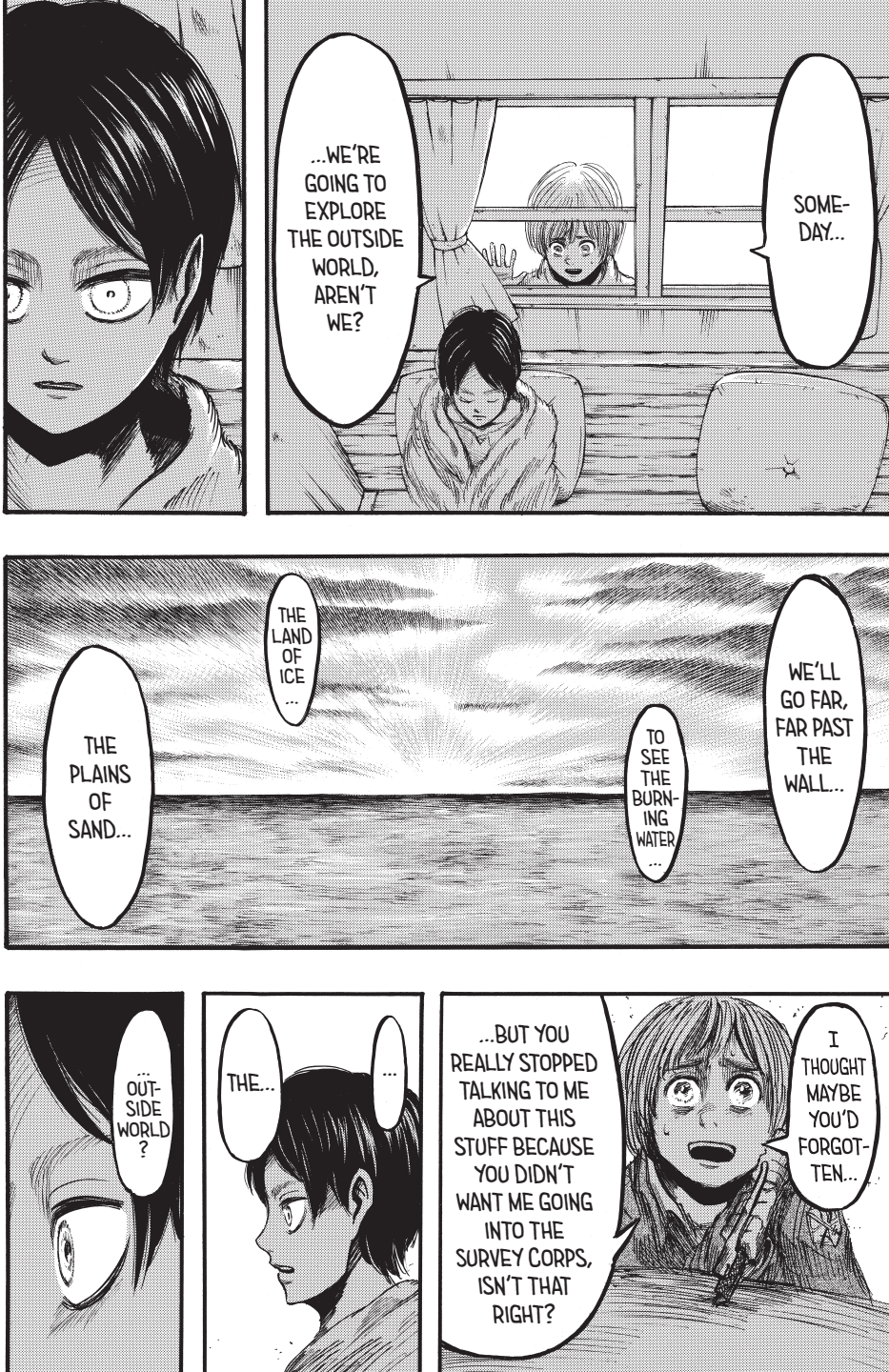
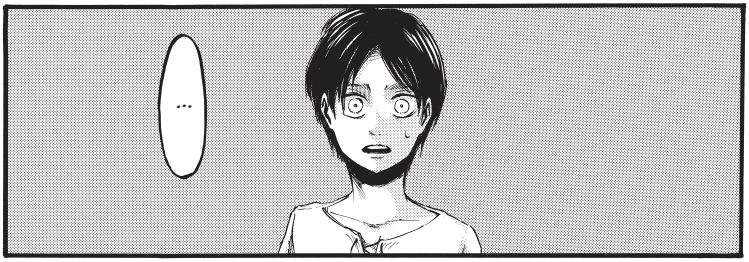
...
EREN
...


SOME-DAY...
...WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE THE OUTSIDE WORLD, AREN'T WE?
WE'LL GO FAR, FAR PAST THE WALL...
TO SEE THE BURN-ING WATER ...
THE LAND OF ICE ...
THE PLAINS OF SAND...
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D FORGOT-TEN...
...BUT YOU REALLY STOPPED TALKING TO ME ABOUT THIS STUFF BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT ME GOING INTO THE SURVEY CORPS, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
...
THE...
... OUT-SIDE WORLD?

EREN... ANSWER ME.
FWUMP
...EVER WANT TO GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
...SO WHY DID YOU...
YOU ALWAYS KNEW HELL WAS WAITING FOR YOU ONE STEP OUTSIDE THE WALL...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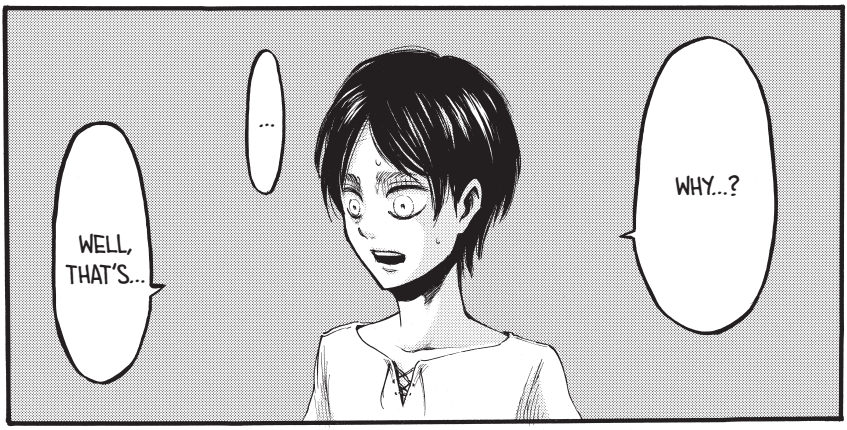

...
WHY...?
WELL, THAT'S...

...
THAT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT...?

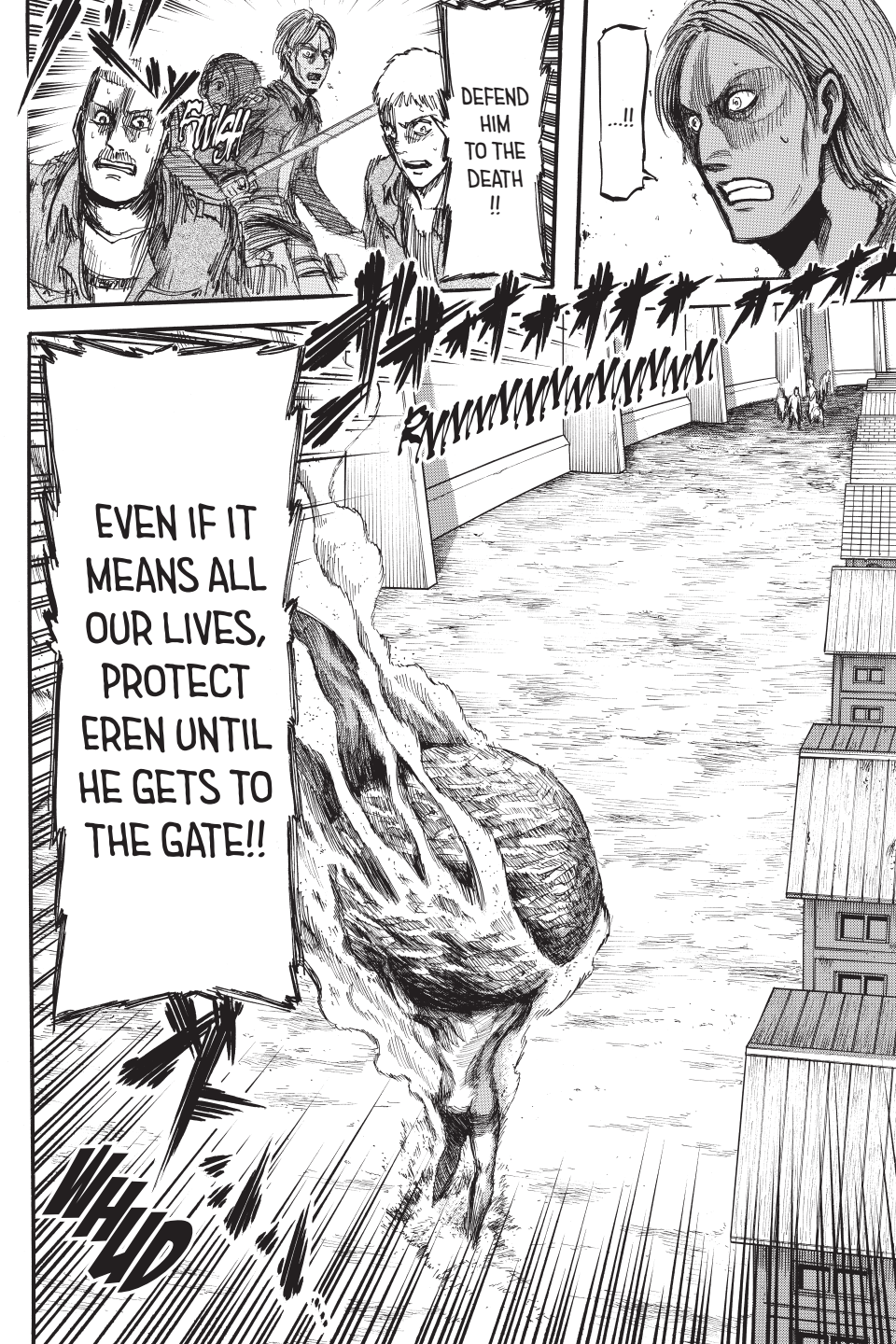
IT'S BECAUSE...
...I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD!!

FWHOOOO
...!!
WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!!
FOR NOW, RETREAT TO THE ROCK!!
PAK
RIP
SQUAD LEADER... IT'S OVER.
WHUD
WHUD
?!

FIVE TITANS... ARE COMING THROUGH THE GATE!
SLIP
WITH-DRAW FOR NOW!!
FWISH
OUR NEXT STEP DEPENDS ON EREN'S CONDI-TION!!
FSSS
FSSS

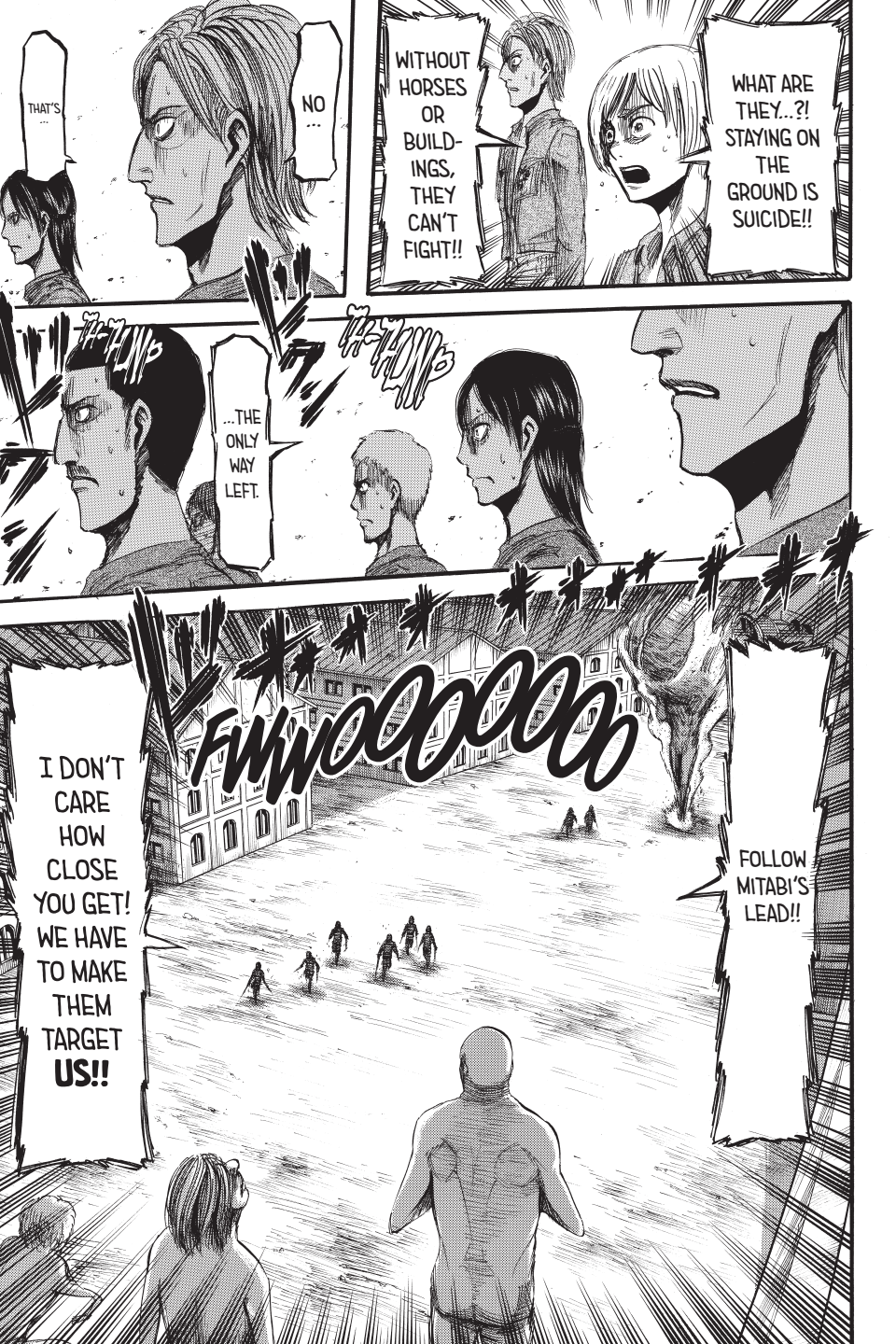
CRUNCH

CRUNCH
EREN...
CRUNCH
MULTIPLE TITANS APPROACH-ING FROM THE REAR!!
ARMIN !!
WSH
EREN WON !!
AND NOW... HE'S TRYING TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTY...!!
IF WE COVER EREN 'TIL HE REACHES THE GATE...
FWWOOOOOOOO
...IT'S VICTORY FOR US!!

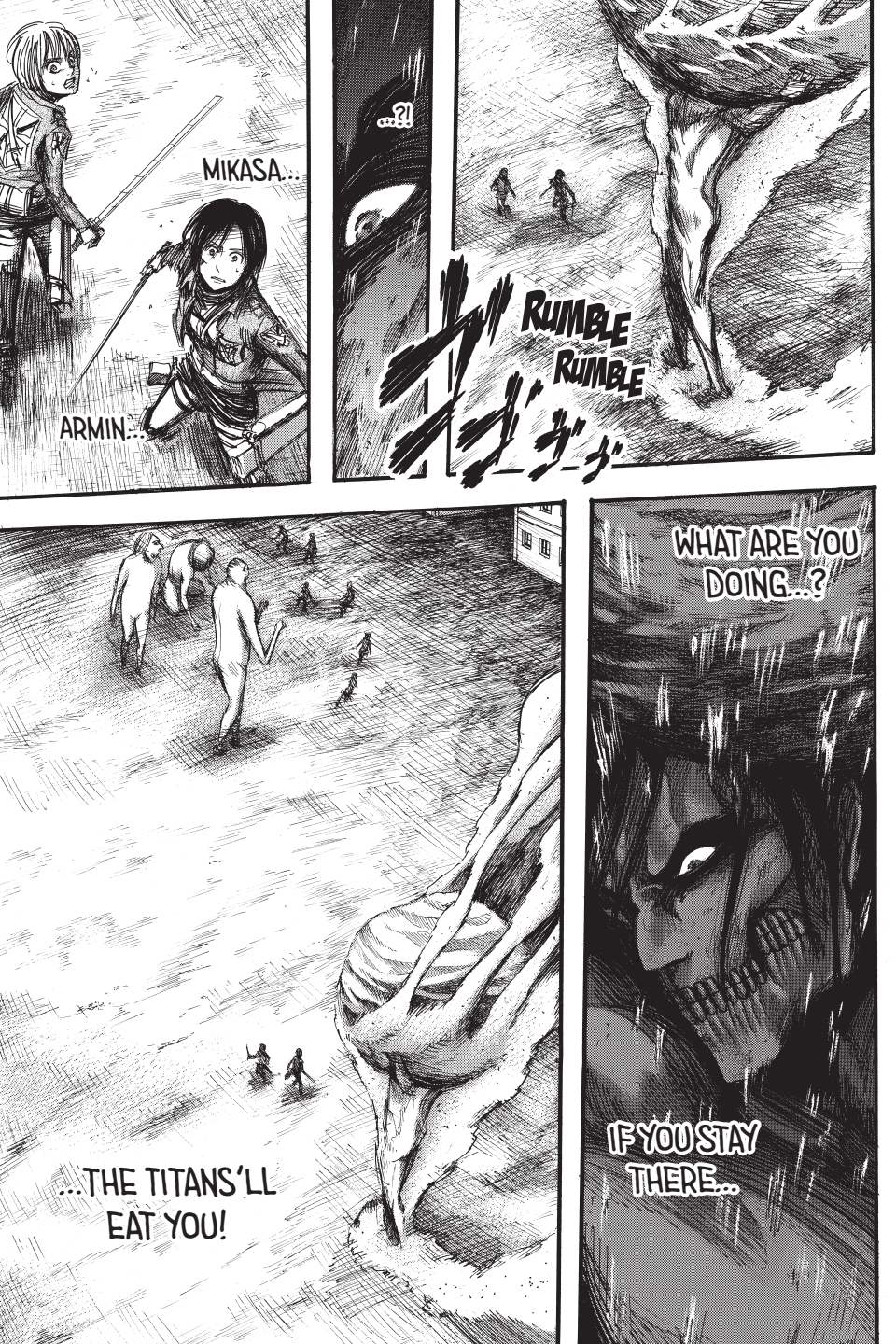

DEFEND HIM TO THE DEATH !!
...!!
EVEN IF IT MEANS ALL OUR LIVES, PROTECT EREN UNTIL HE GETS TO THE GATE!!
WHUD

YOU TWO GO WITH HIM!!
?!
WHAT ?!
THAT'S AN ORDER!!
GOT IT?!
... YES, SIR!!
SHADDER
?!
FWWOOOOOOOOOO
MITABI'S SQUAD ...?!
WHAT ARE THEY ...?!

THE TITANS AREN'T HUNTING US!!
WE HAVE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH FOR THEM TO SMELL US!!
HEY! LOOK OVER HERE!
IF YOU DON'T TURN AROUND, I'M GONNA STICK MY BLADE RIGHT UP YOUR STINKIN' ASS!!
WHUD
HERE THEY COME!!
TWO OF 'EM!!
RUN !!
GET TO THE BUILDING !!


WHAT ARE THEY...?! STAYING ON THE GROUND IS SUICIDE!!
WITHOUT HORSES OR BUILD-INGS, THEY CAN'T FIGHT!!
NO ...
THAT'S ...
...THE ONLY WAY LEFT.
FWOOOOOO
FOLLOW MITABI'S LEAD!!
I DON'T CARE HOW CLOSE YOU GET! WE HAVE TO MAKE THEM TARGET US!!

HUH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
MY BODY...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
...FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE...
...CRUSHED...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER


MIKASA...
ARMIN...
...?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
IF YOU STAY THERE...
...THE TITANS'LL EAT YOU!

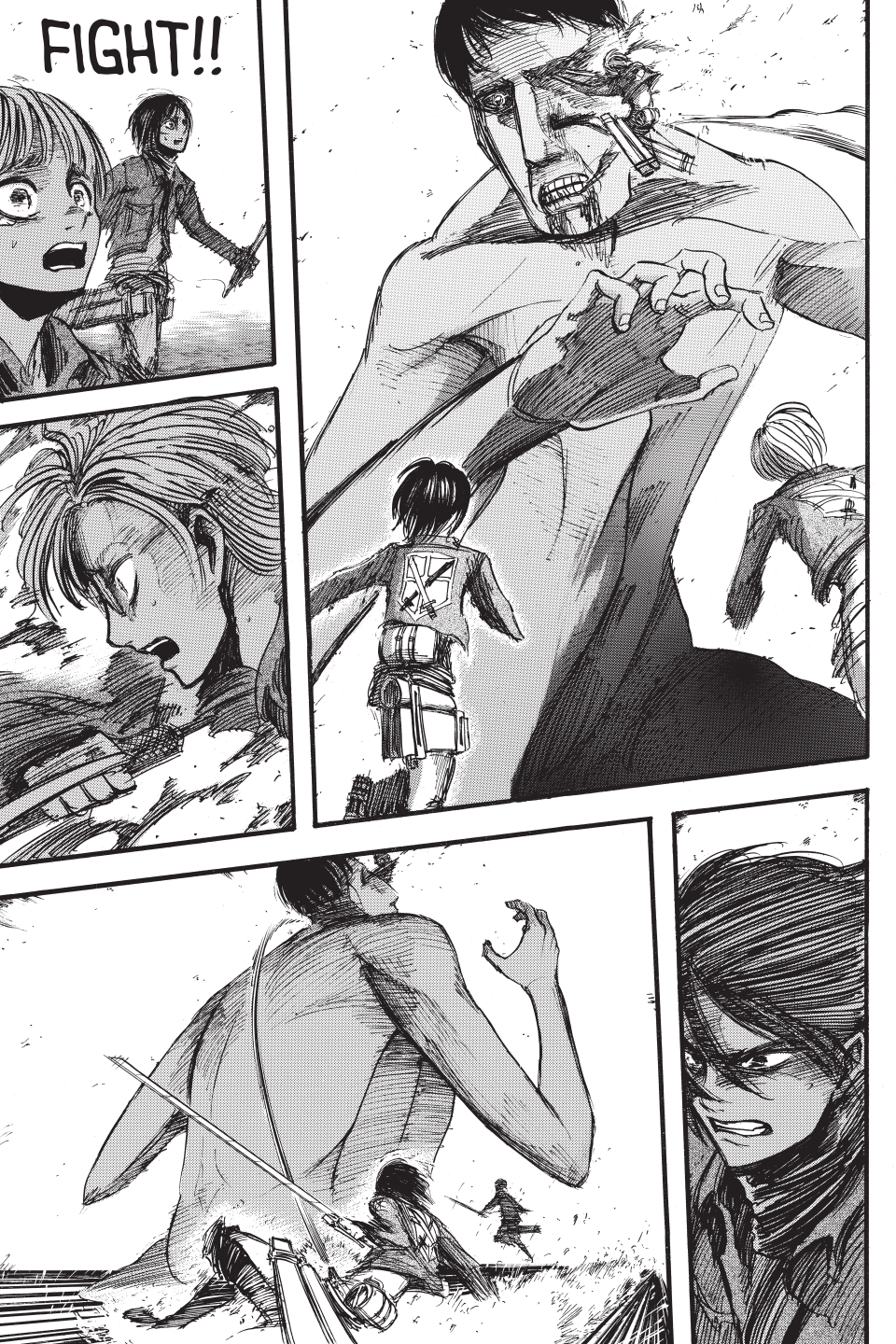
HUFF
HUFF
WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO...
...TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, EREN?

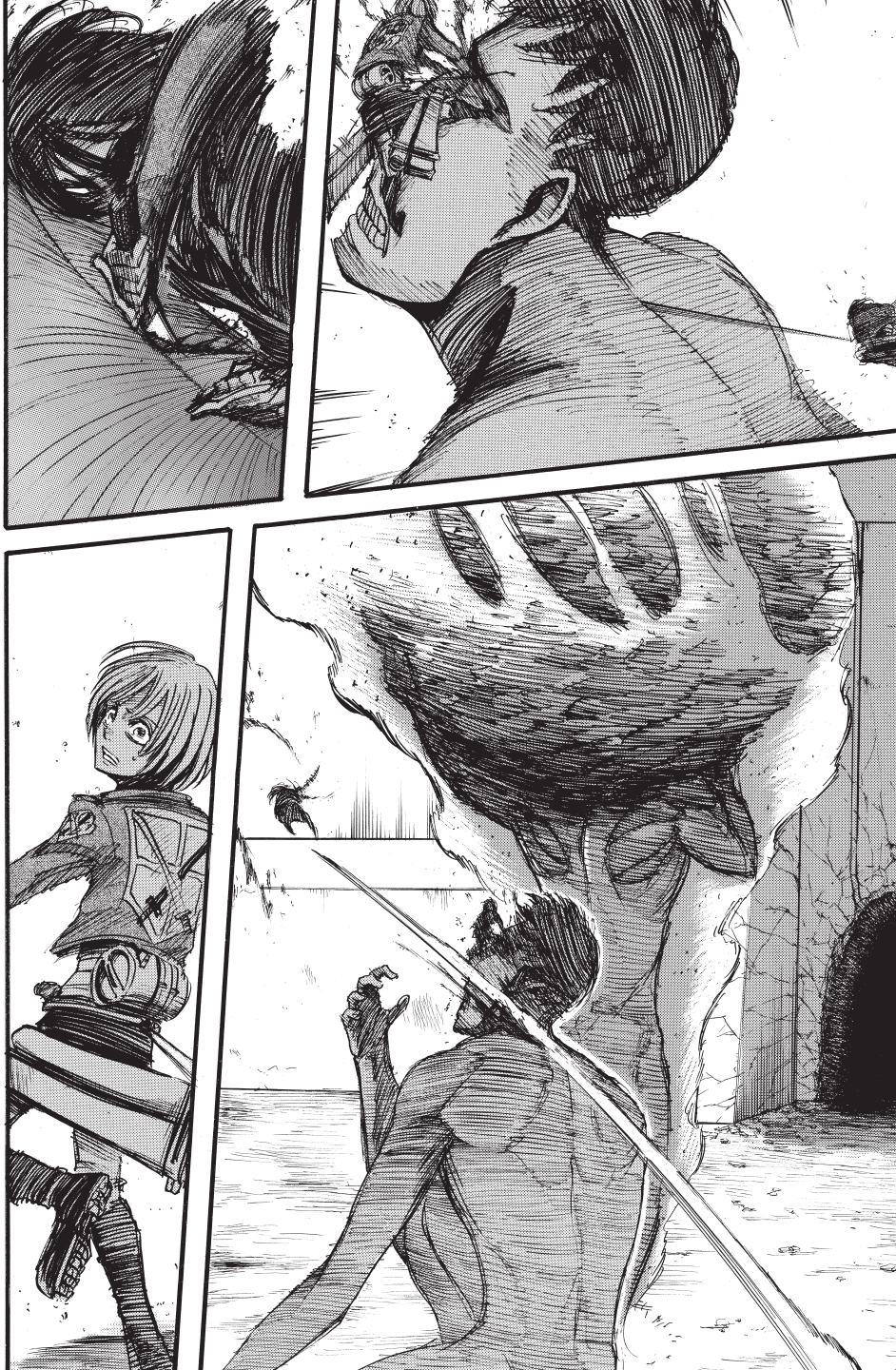
...ALL OF US...
...ARE FREE.
CRUNCH
WHEN WE'RE BORN...
CRUNCH
HUFF
HUFF
PEOPLE WHO REJECT THAT, NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY ARE...
...DON'T MATTER.

...WOULD BE THE FREEST...
...PERSON IN THE WORLD.
ANYONE WHO SAW THOSE THINGS...
THE BURNING WATER, THE LAND OF ICE...
ANYTHING WILL DO.
FIGHT!!
HUFF
HUFF
WHO'D VALUE THEIR LIFE...
...OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
...HOW TERRI-FYING THE WORLD IS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER...

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
...HOW CRUEL THE WORLD IS.

CRUNCH
FIGHT!!

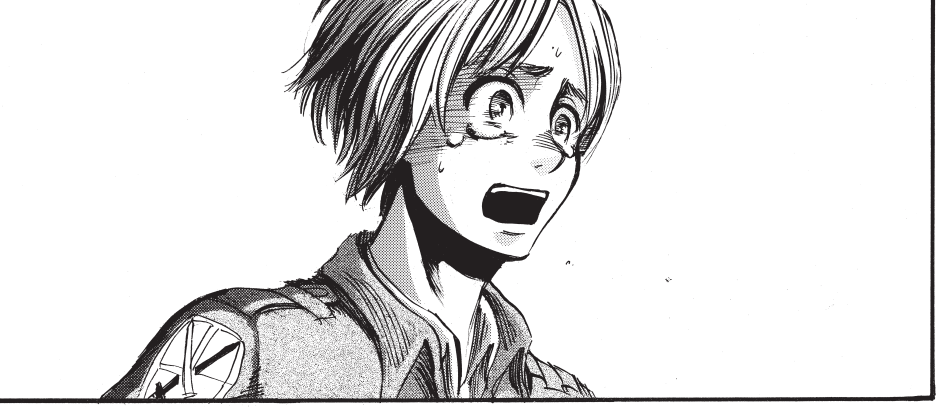

FIGHT!!

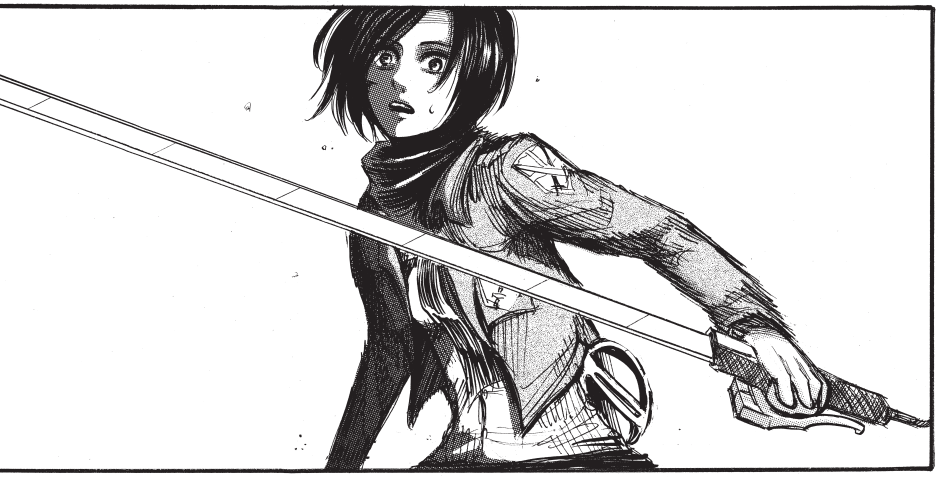


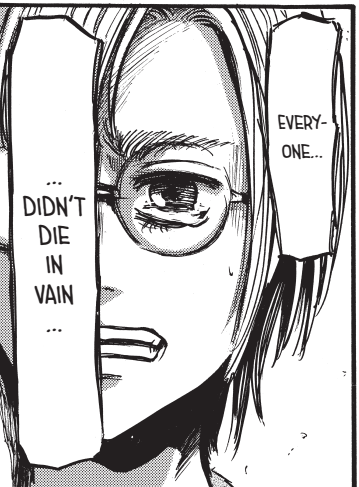
G...
WHOO

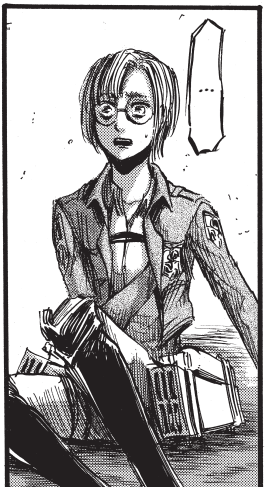
GO, EREN!!
FIGHT!!

WHOOM






...
DIDN'T DIE IN VAIN
...
EVERY-ONE...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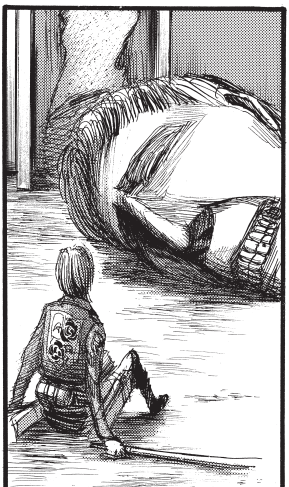
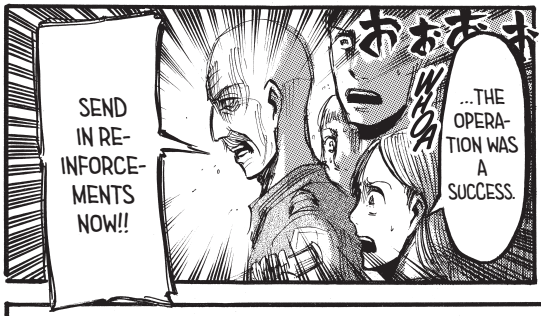


... VICTORY.
... WON ITS FIRST ...

TODAY, THE HUMAN RACE ...
PSH


SEND IN RE-INFORCE-MENTS NOW!!
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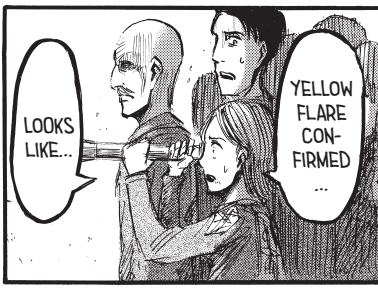
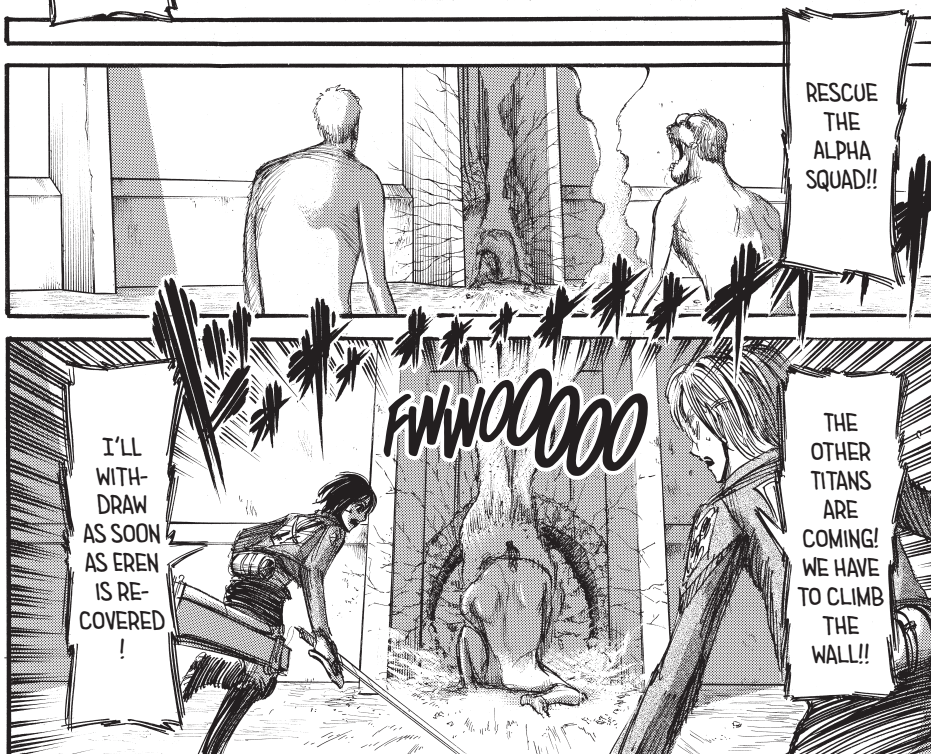
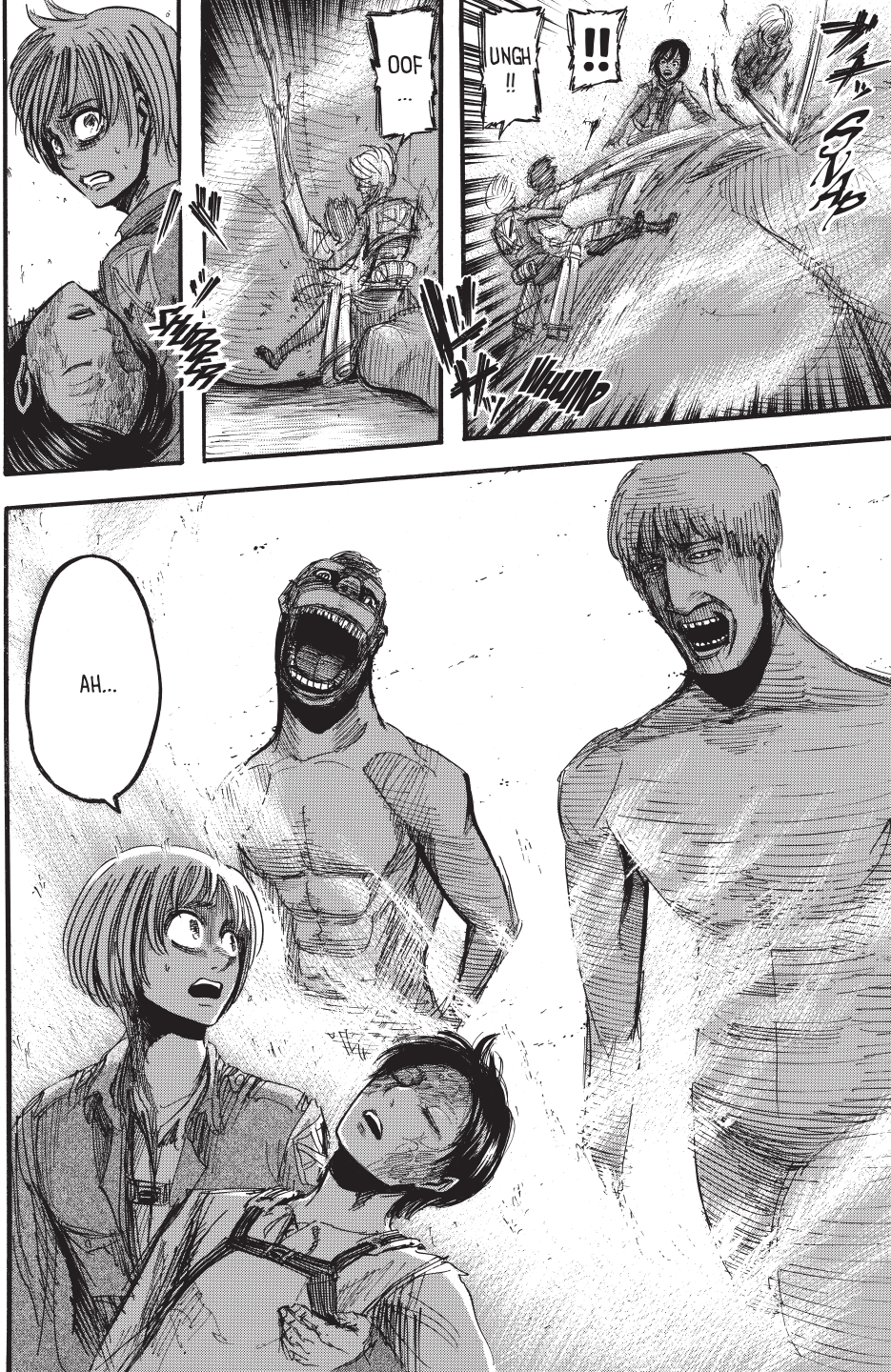
...THE OPERA-TION WAS A SUCCESS.


LOOKS LIKE...
YELLOW FLARE CON-FIRMED ...


RESCUE THE ALPHA SQUAD!!
FUWOOOOO
I'LL WITH-DRAW AS SOON AS EREN IS RE-COVERED !
THE OTHER TITANS ARE COMING! WE HAVE TO CLIMB THE WALL!!

BFFFFF
IT'S HOT !!
SNAP SNAP
ARMIN! HOW'S EREN ?!
HE HAS AN UN-BELIEV-ABLE FEVER! IF WE DON'T HURRY UP AND CLIMB THE WALL ...!
DAMN IT! PART OF HIM'S FUSED WITH THE TITAN!
I CAN'T PULL HIM OUT!
WE'LL HAVE TO CUT HIM OUT!
W-WAIT !!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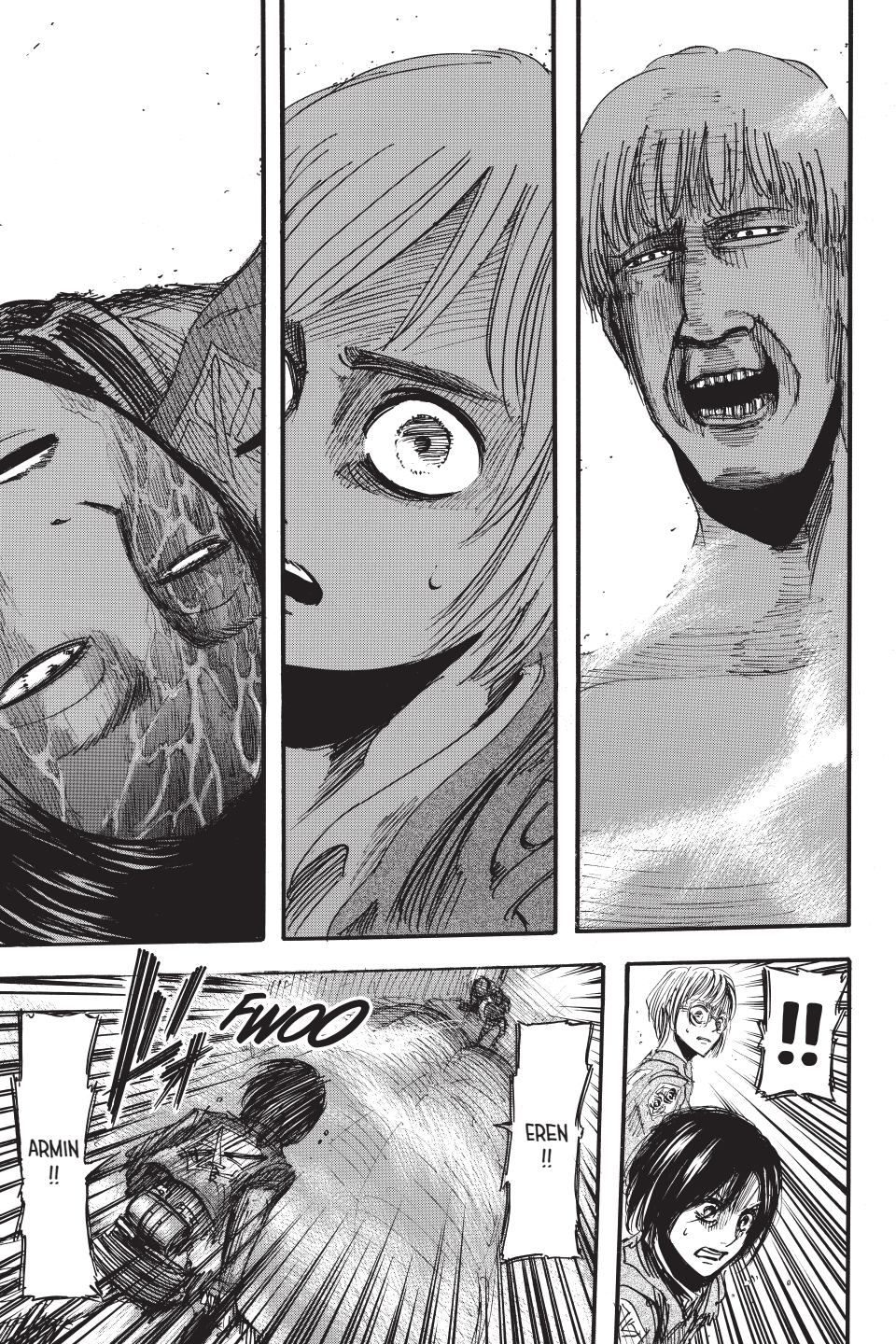
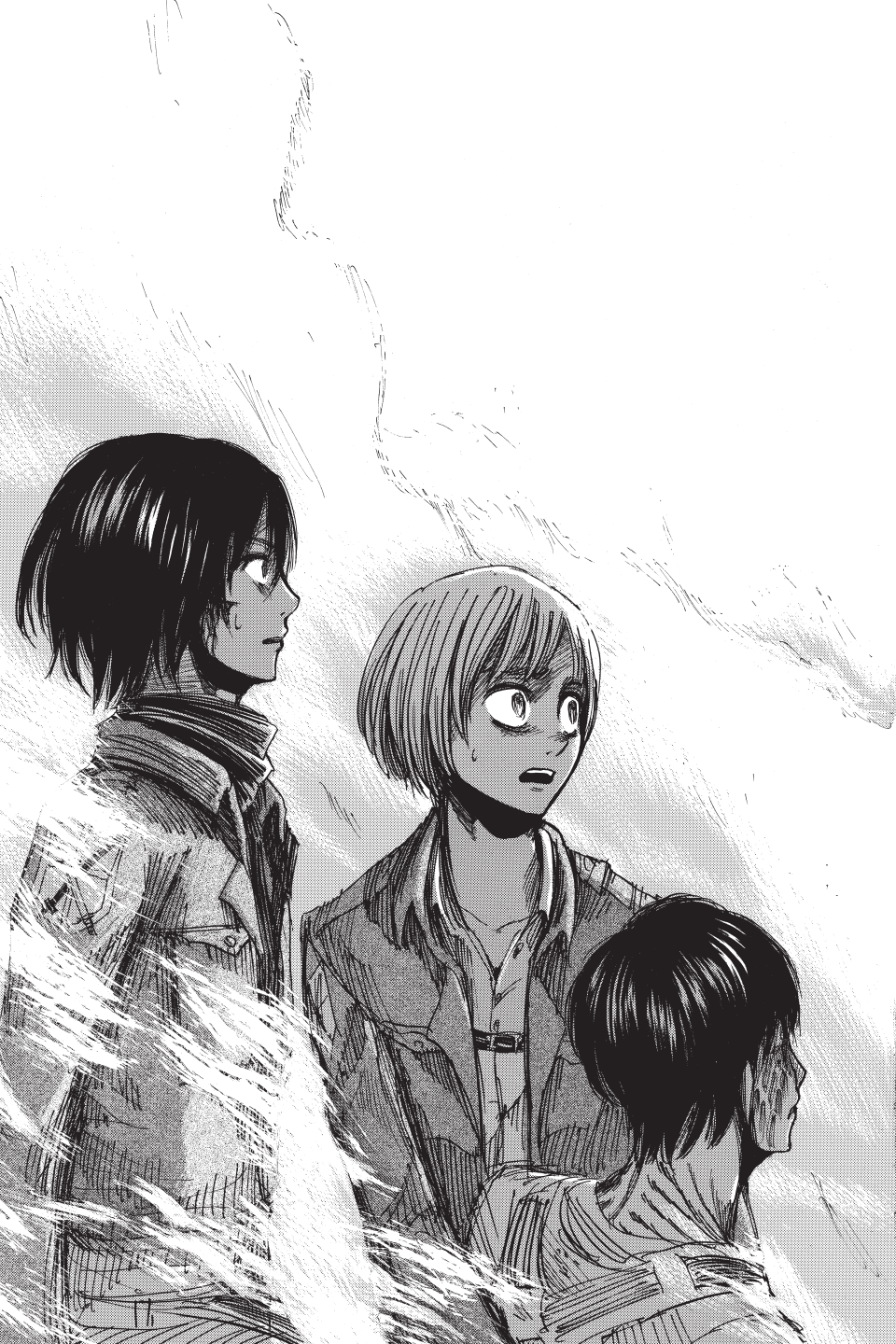
UNGH
!!
OOF
...
AH...

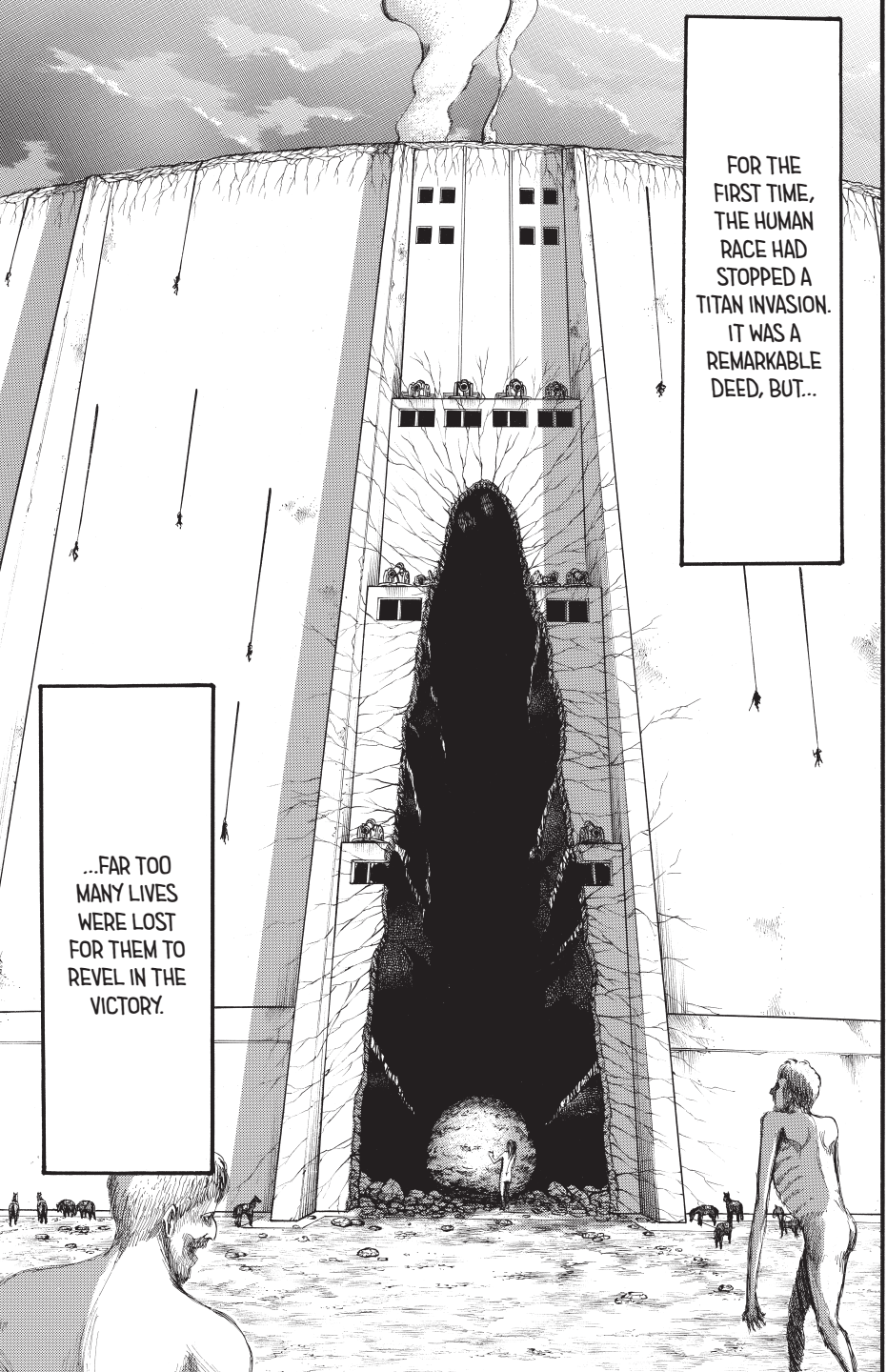

!!
EREN
!!
FWOO
ARMIN
!!

Fwish
Slash
Slash

!!
WHUD
WHUD
THAT'S ...
HUH ?
FIAP
MIKASA ?!
THE WINGS...
...OF FREEDOM...



HEY...
BRATS...
WHAT'S...
FSSS
SSS
SHHH
THE SURVEY CORPS AND THE GARRISON'S MILITARY ENGINEERS CAME CHARGING IN, AND THANKS TO THEM...
...THE SITUATION HERE?
...WALL ROSE ONCE AGAIN HELD OFF THE TITANS.


FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE HUMAN RACE HAD STOPPED A TITAN INVASION. IT WAS A REMARKABLE DEED, BUT...
...FAR TOO MANY LIVES WERE LOST FOR THEM TO REVEL IN THE VICTORY.

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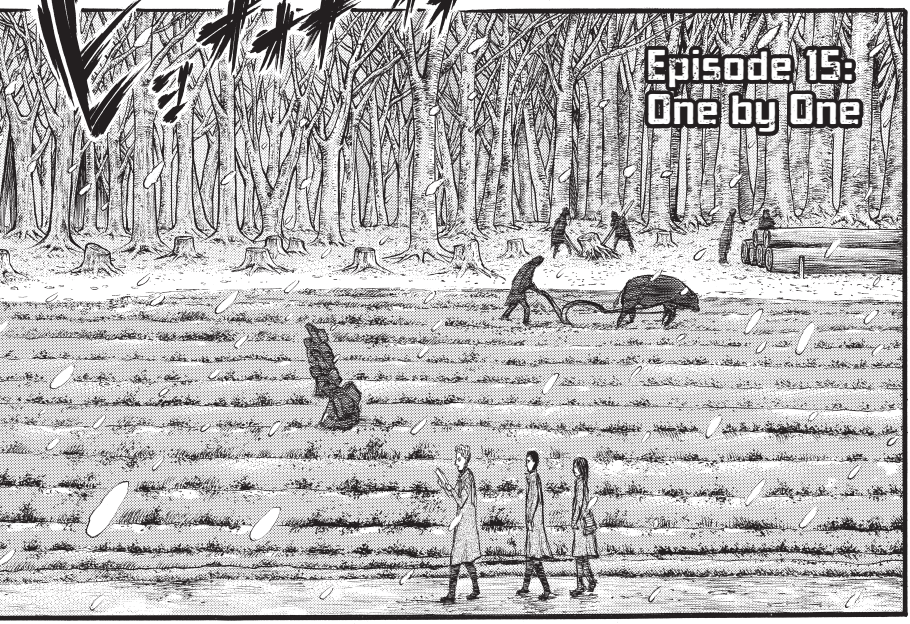
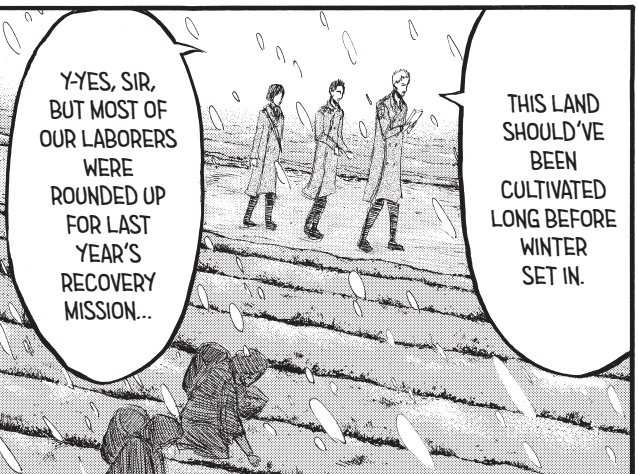
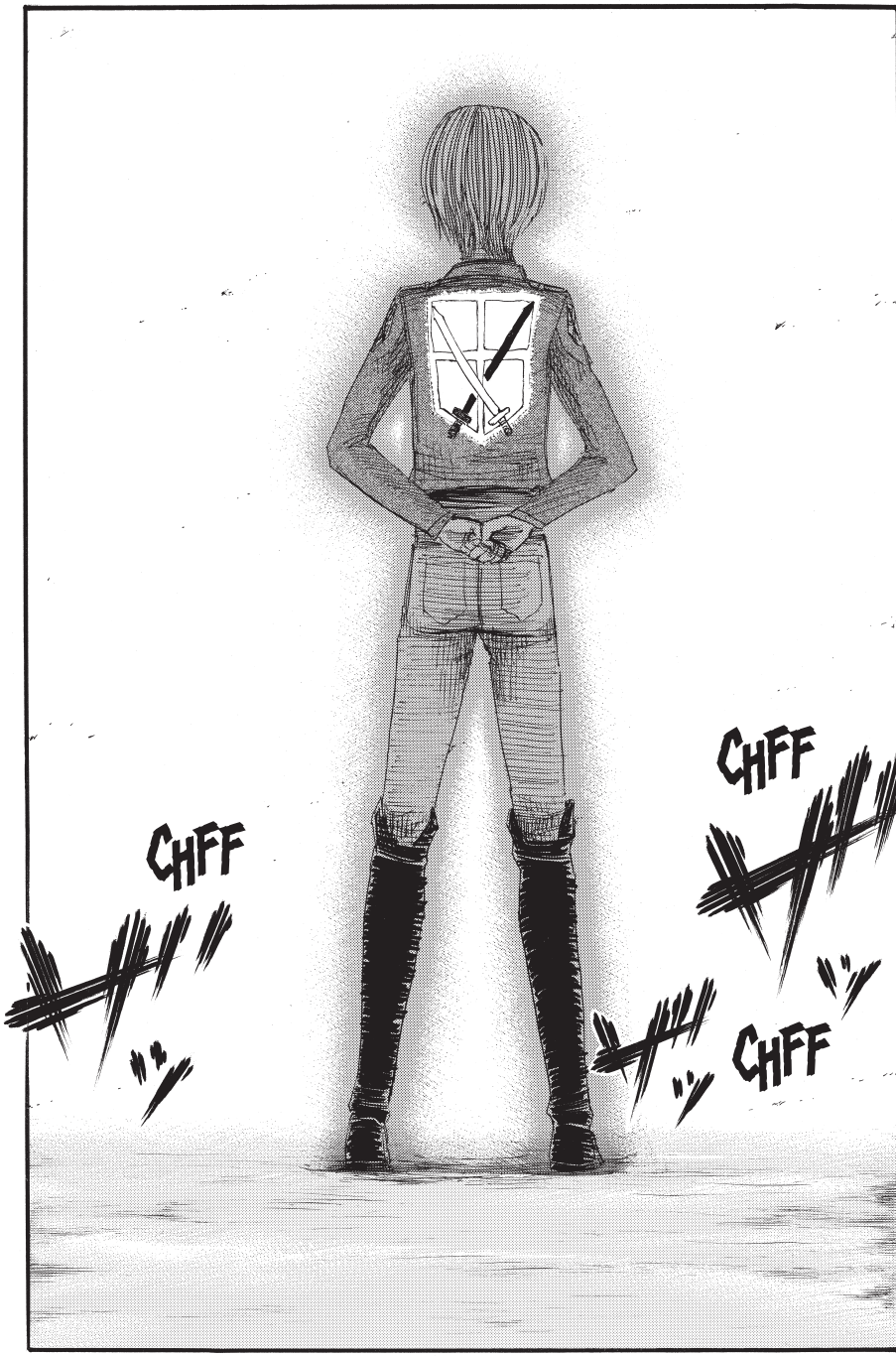
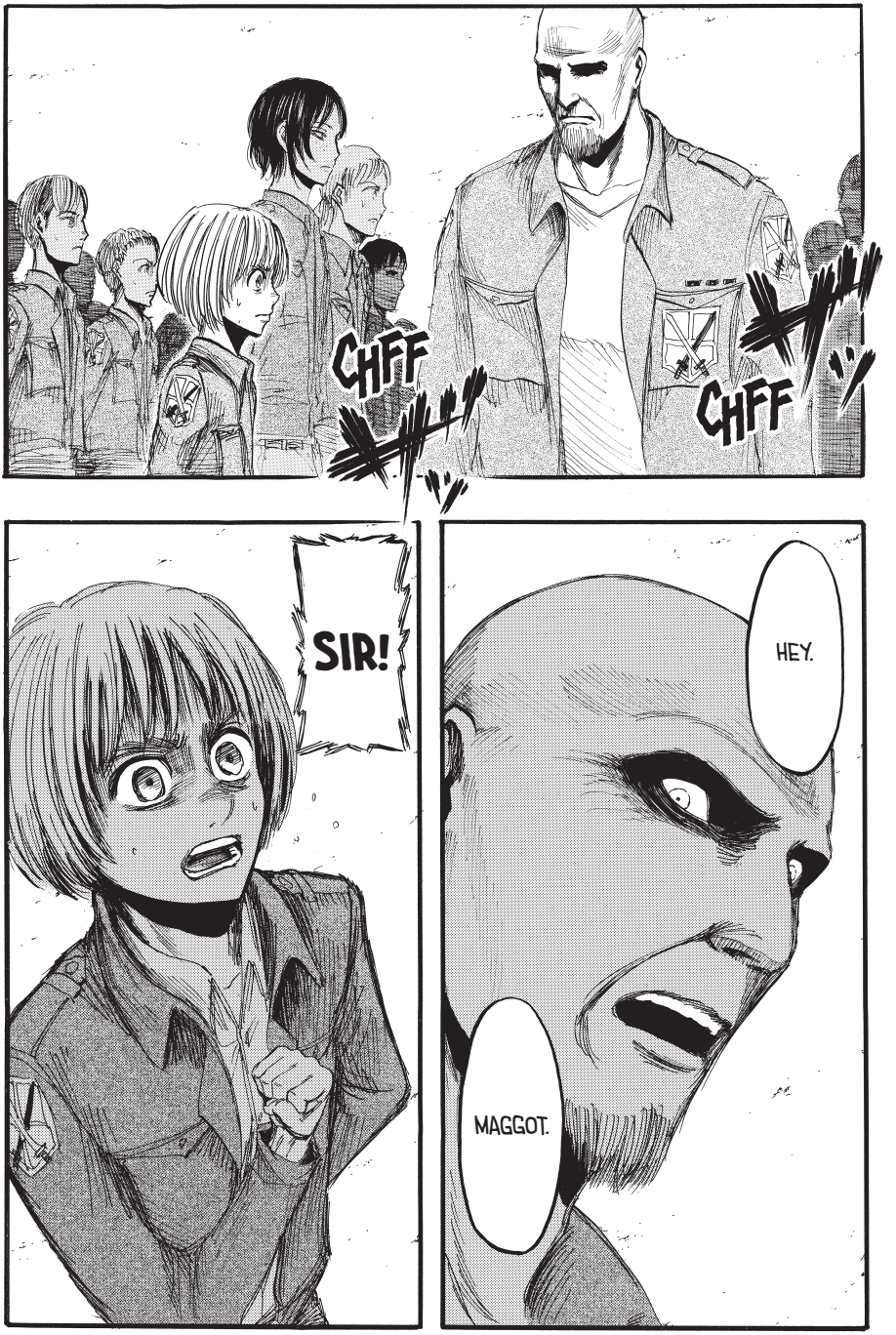




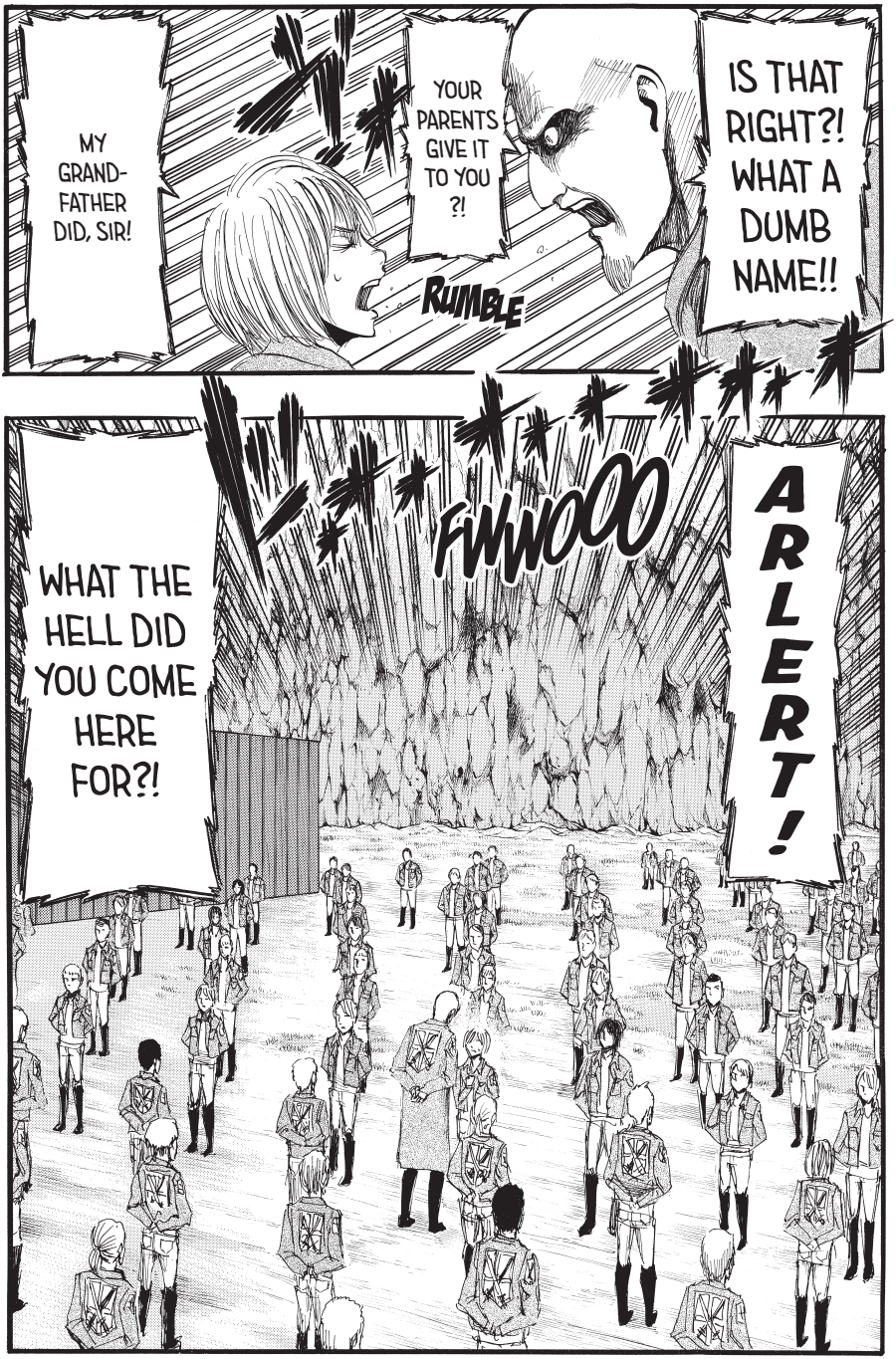
I REALIZE THAT, BUT YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT'S YOUR DUTY TO MEET YOUR PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS.
M-MY APOLO-GIES, SIR!
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL ALL STARVE TO DEATH...
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
...
THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE'S NEVER EVEN SEEN A TITAN...
...BUT LOOK AT HOW THEY PUFF OUT THEIR CHESTS.
WHAT MORE CAN THEY ASK THE ELDERLY AND THE CHILDREN TO DO ...?
YOU KIDS ...
FWWOOOO
YOU DO YOUR MILITARY TRAINING THIS YEAR, DON'T YOU?
MAKE SURE YOU NEVER BECOME A SOLDIER LIKE THAT...

FWAOO
ARMIN, WHAT'S WRONG?
...!
"RECOVERY MISSION"... THE LIARS...
MY PARENTS WERE MURDERED SO THERE WOULD BE FEWER MOUTHS TO FEED...
AND NOW...
...LOOK...
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF

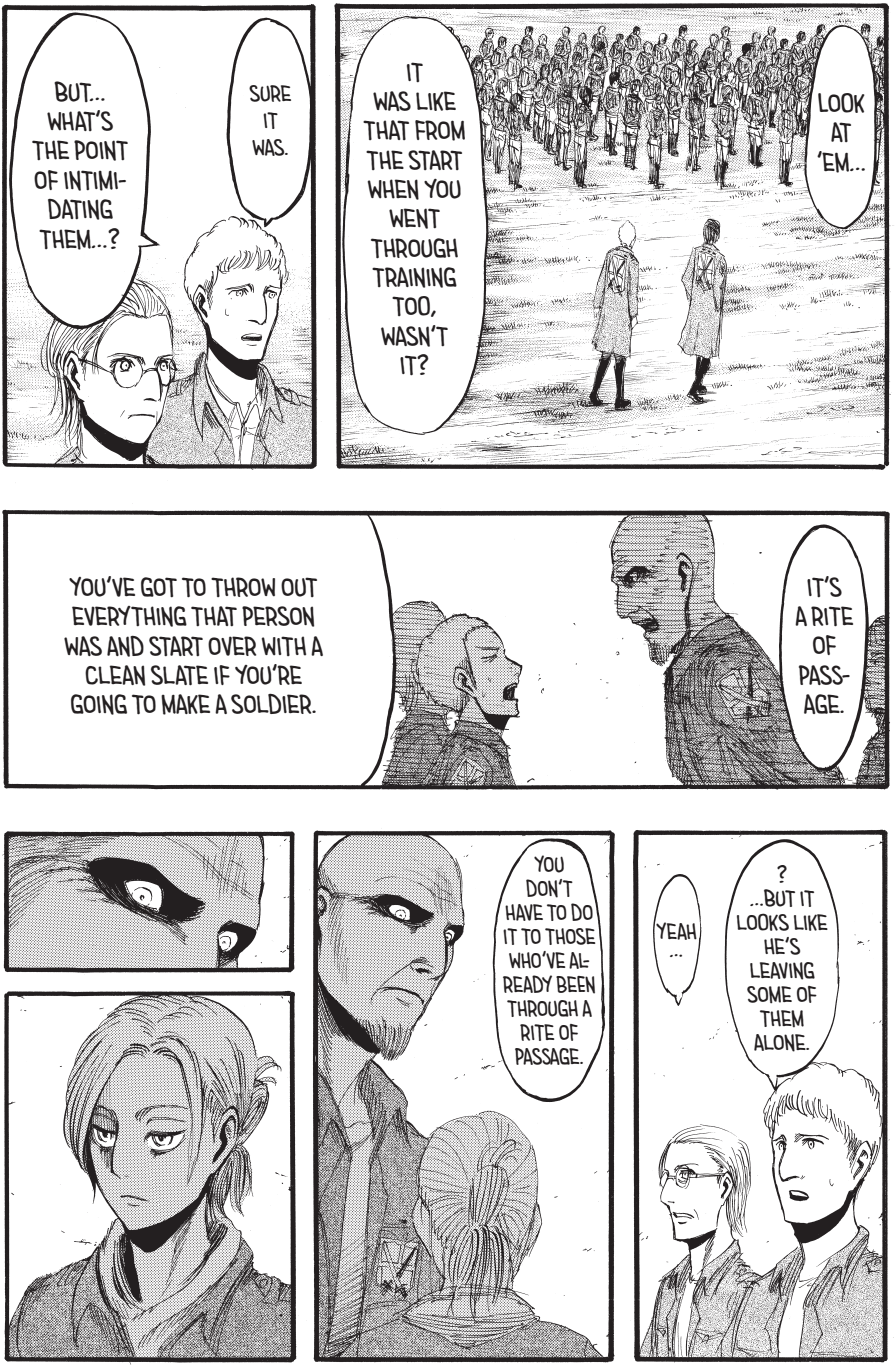

CHFF
CHFF
CHFF


CHFF
CHFF
SIR!
HEY.
MAGGOT.

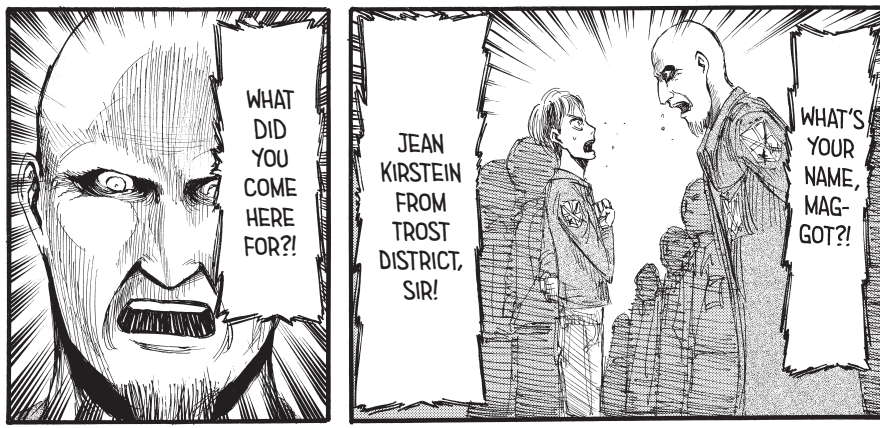
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT ?!
ARMIN ARLERT OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SIR!!


IS THAT RIGHT?! WHAT A DUMB NAME!!
YOUR PARENTS GIVE IT TO YOU ?!
RUMBLE
MY GRAND-FATHER DID, SIR!
ARLERT!
FWWOOO
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!

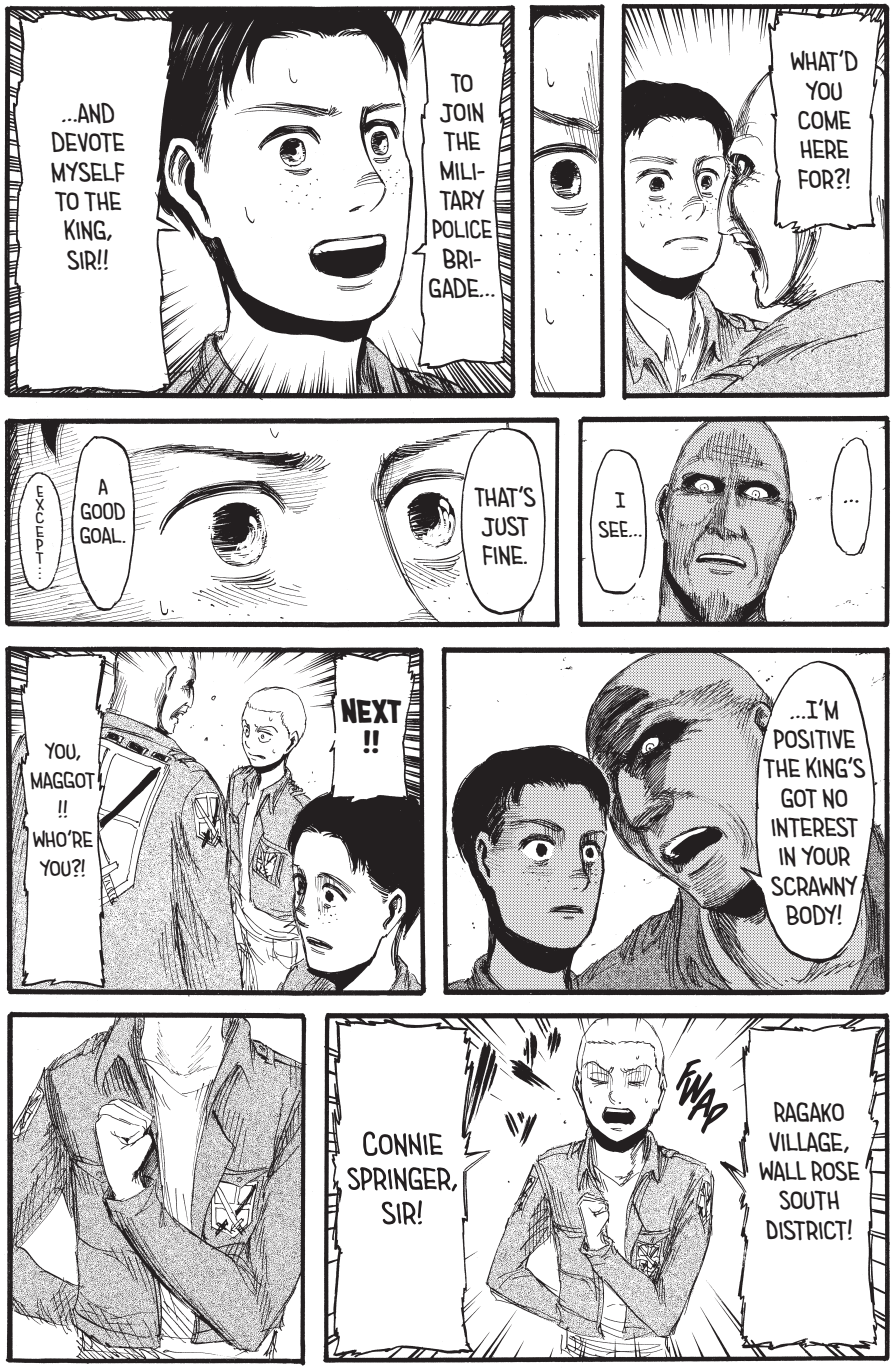
I THINK I'M GONNA MAKE YOU TITAN CHOW, MAGGOT!
GRAB
WELL, THAT'S MIGHTY AD-MIRABLE !!
TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMANITY'S VICTORY, SIR!!
...!!
GWK
ROW 3, TURN AROUND!
CHFF
SIR!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT?!
FIAP

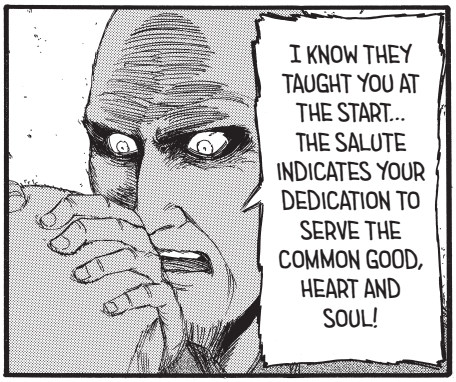

BUT... WHAT'S THE POINT OF INTIMI-DATING THEM...?
SURE IT WAS.
IT WAS LIKE THAT FROM THE START WHEN YOU WENT THROUGH TRAINING TOO, WASN'T IT?
LOOK AT 'EM...
YOU'VE GOT TO THROW OUT EVERYTHING THAT PERSON WAS AND START OVER WITH A CLEAN SLATE IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A SOLDIER.
IT'S A RITE OF PASS-AGE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT TO THOSE WHO'VE AL-READY BEEN THROUGH A RITE OF PASSAGE.
YEAH ...
?...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S LEAVING SOME OF THEM ALONE.

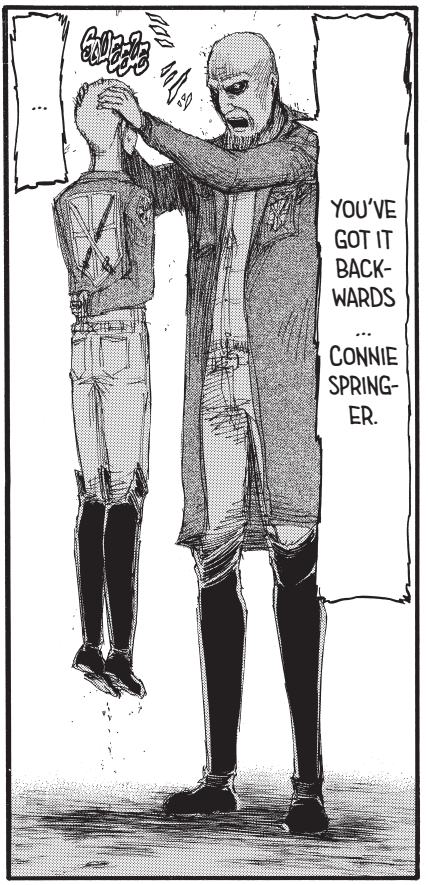
THEY'RE PROBABLY THE ONES WHO SAW HELL FIRSTHAND TWO YEARS AGO.
THEY'VE GOT A DIFFERENT LOOK ON THEIR FACES.

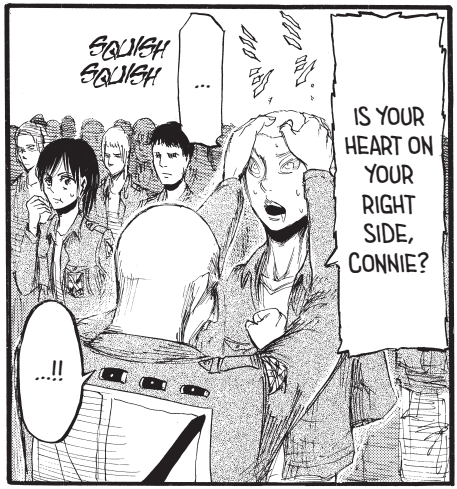

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAG-GOT?!
JEAN KIRSTEIN FROM TROST DISTRICT, SIR!
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!

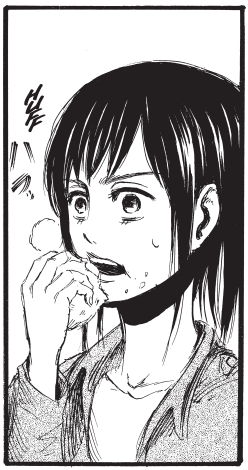
...AND LIVE IN THE INTERIOR, SIR.
TO GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...
...
YES, SIR!
I SEE! YOU WANT TO GO TO THE INTERIOR, DO YOU?
YOU THINK SOMEONE WHO FOLDS HERE IS GONNA BE ALLOWED INTO THE MPB?!
STAGGER
HEY! WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO SIT DOWN?!
HMPH!
!!
KRAK
MARCO BOTT, JINAE TOWN, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT, SIR!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT?!


...AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE KING, SIR!!
TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...
WHAT'D YOU COME HERE FOR?!
EXCEPT...
A GOOD GOAL.
THAT'S JUST FINE.
I SEE...
...
NEXT !!
YOU, MAGGOT !! WHO'RE YOU?!
...I'M POSITIVE THE KING'S GOT NO INTEREST IN YOUR SCRAWNY BODY!
CONNIE SPRINGER, SIR!
FWAP
RAGAKO VILLAGE, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT!


I KNOW THEY TAUGHT YOU AT THE START... THE SALUTE INDICATES YOUR DEDICATION TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD, HEART AND SOUL!


SCRATCH SCRATCH
...
YOU'VE GOT IT BACK-WARDS ... CONNIE SPRING-ER.


SQUISH SQUISH
...
IS YOUR HEART ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE, CONNIE?
...!!



MUNCH MUNCH

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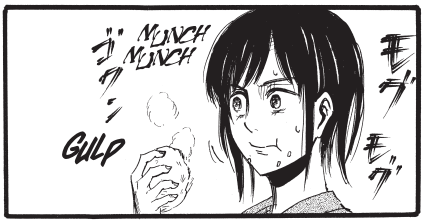
MUNCH MUNCH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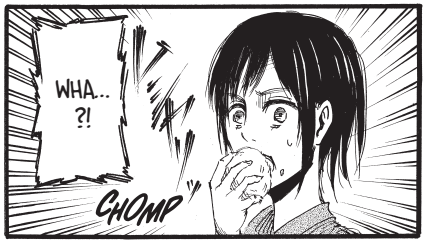
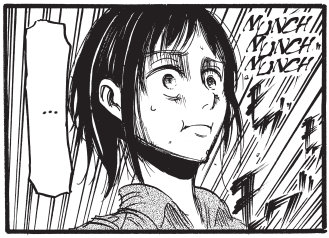
GULP


WHA...?!
CHOMP

HEY... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
?!
FWUMP


...
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

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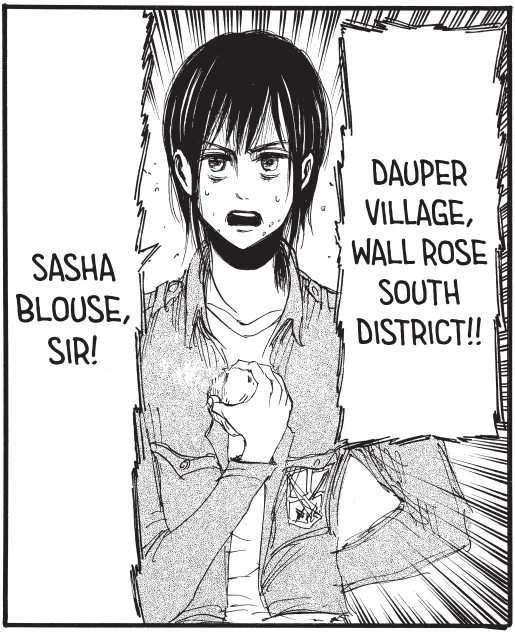
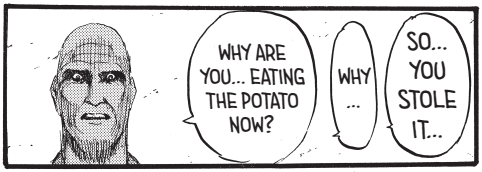
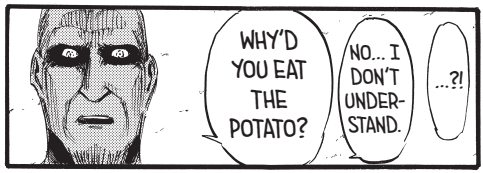
WHAT THE HELL'S YOUR NAME?!
?!
YOU, SCUM! I'M TALKING TO YOU!!

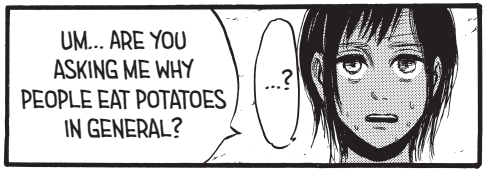
WHAT'S IN YOUR RIGHT HAND?
SASHA BLOUSE ...

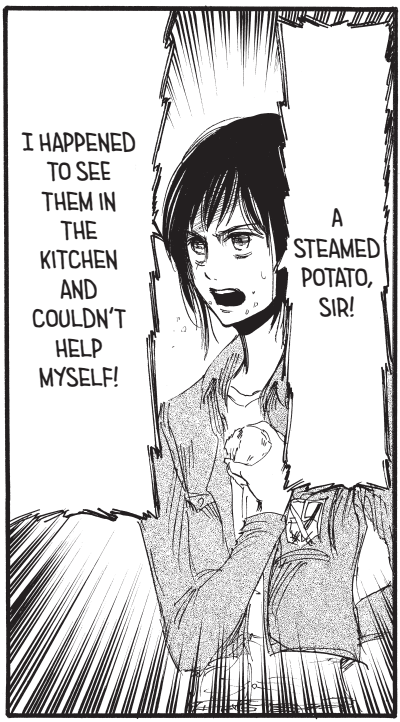

SASHA BLOUSE, SIR!
DAUPER VILLAGE, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT!!

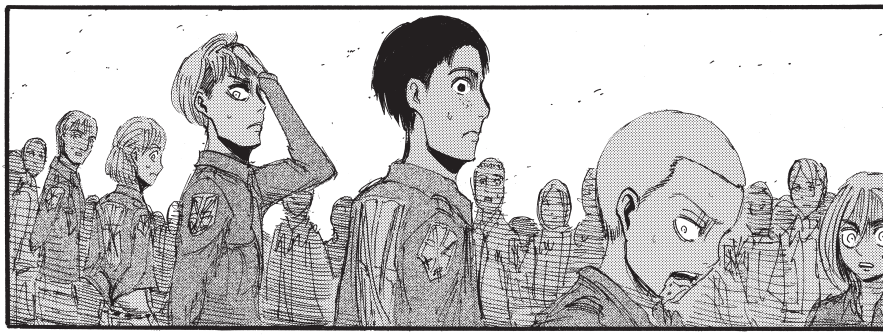

WHY ARE YOU... EATING THE POTATO NOW?
WHY ...
SO... YOU STOLE IT...

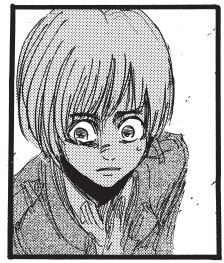
...SO I THOUGHT IT BEST TO EAT IT RIGHT NOW.
...THEY LOSE THEIR TASTE WHEN THEY GET COLD...
...


WHY'D YOU EAT THE POTATO?
NO... I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
...?!


UM... ARE YOU ASKING ME WHY PEOPLE EAT POTATOES IN GENERAL?
...?


I HAPPENED TO SEE THEM IN THE KITCHEN AND COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!
A STEAMED POTATO, SIR!





OH!

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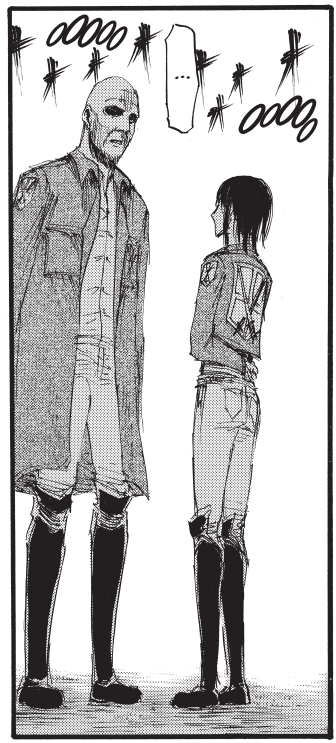
...

ZWCH

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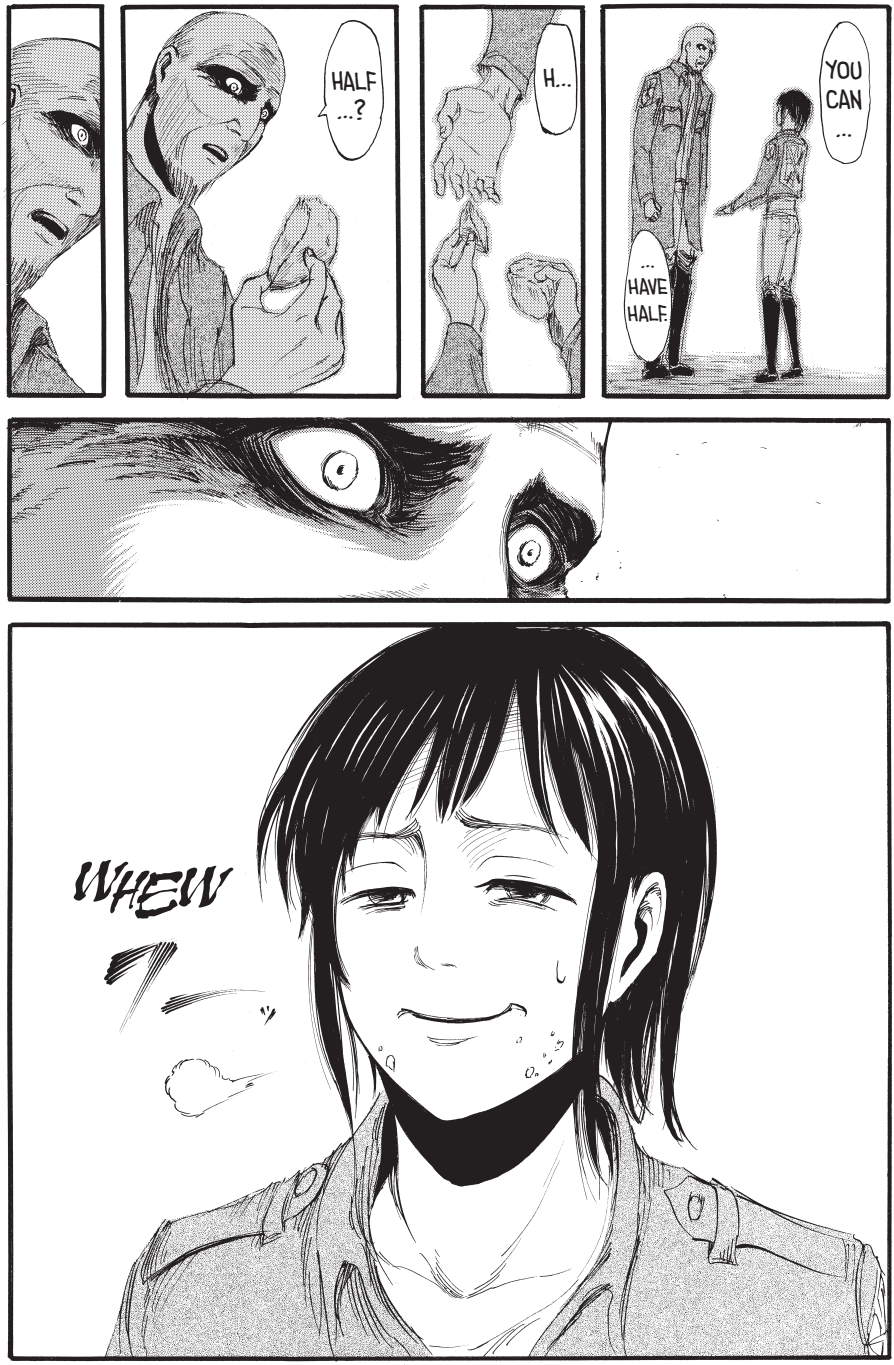
HALF ...?
H...
YOU CAN ...
... HAVE HALF.
WHEW

HEY ...
HE'S STILL GOT THAT POTATO GIRL RUN-NING.
HUH ?
WOW. SHE'S BEEN GOING AT IT FOR FIVE HOURS STRAIGHT NOW.
STILL, THE LOOK ON HER FACE WHEN HE TOLD HER TO RUN 'TIL SHE WAS ALMOST DEAD...
...WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO HER ANGUISHED LOOK THE MOMENT HE SAID SHE DOESN'T GET TO EAT TODAY.
DAUPER... IF MEMORY SERVES, THAT'S A HUNTING VILLAGE WITH A SMALL POPULATION DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
I DIDN'T KNOW VILLAGES LIKE THAT STILL EXISTED...
COME TO THINK OF IT, I DIDN'T HEAR WHERE YOU'RE FROM...
WHERE DID YOU LIVE?

THEN WE MOVED TO A SETTLEMENT... AND STAYED THERE 'TIL WE WERE 12.
SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SAME AS HIM.
H-HEY!
DID YOU SEE IT?
THEN...
...REALLY?
...YOU MUST HAVE BEEN IN SHIGAN-SHINA THAT DAY, RIGHT?!
YEAH...
THE COLOSSUS TITAN!

HOW BIG WAS IT?!
REALLY ?!
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OOOOOHHH
I SAW IT...
I TOLD YOU...
...
NO... IT WASN'T THAT BIG.
THAT'S WHAT MY VILLAGE SAID!
ME TOO !!
WHAT?! I HEARD IT STEPPED OVER THE WALL!
ITS HEAD CLEARED THE WALL...
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT, BUT IT JUST LOOKED LIKE A REGULAR TITAN TO ME.
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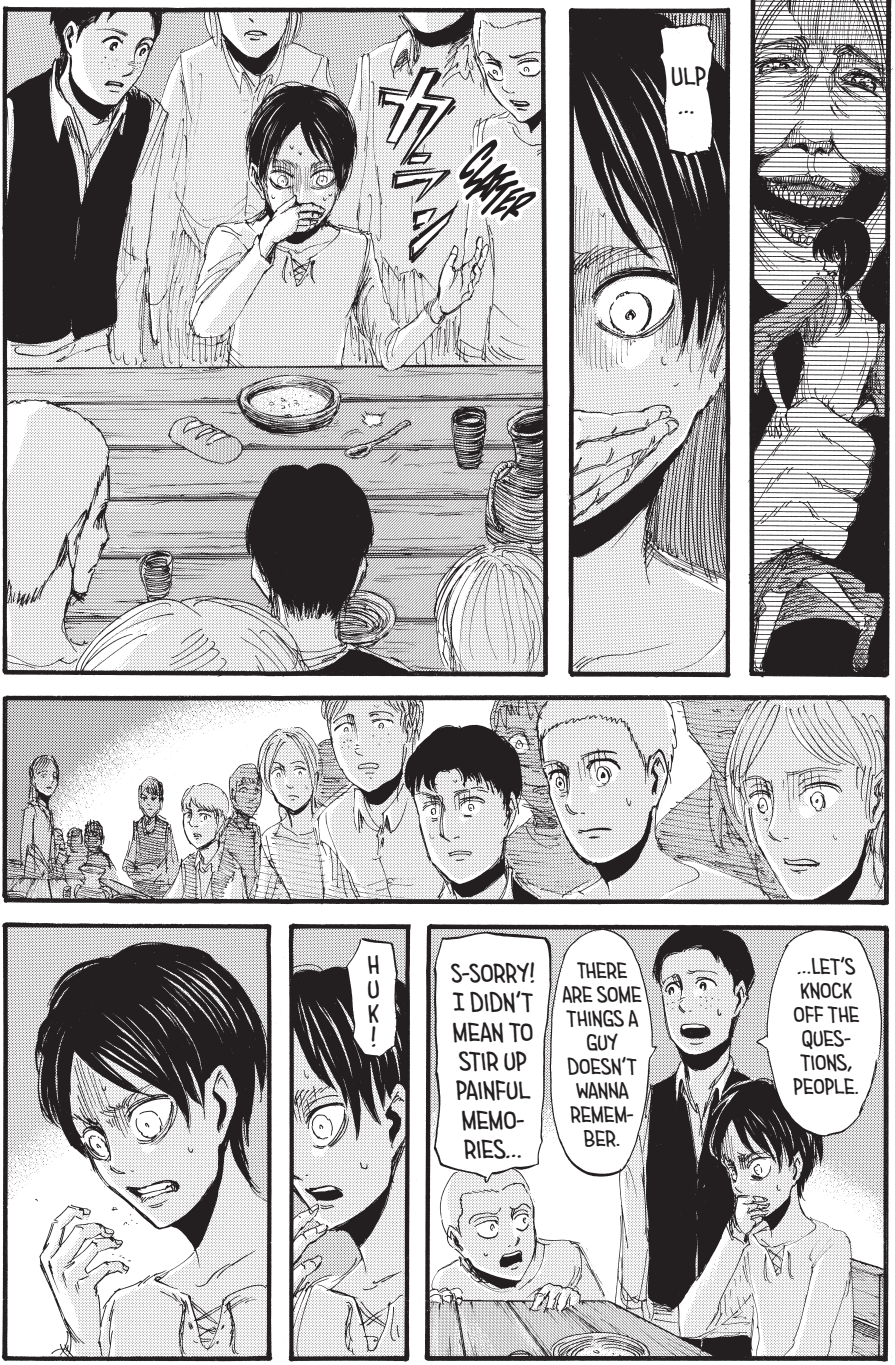
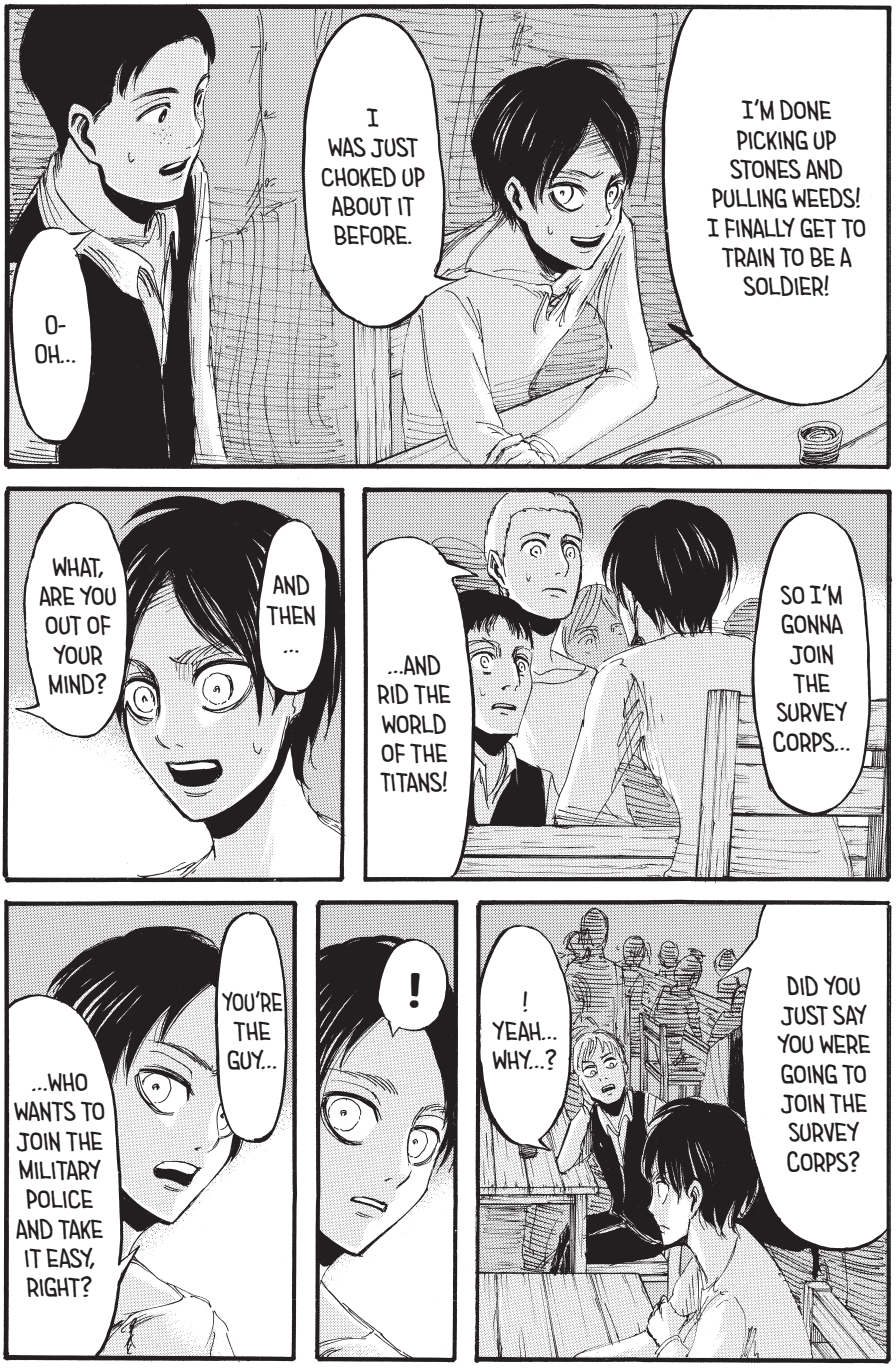
OOOHHH
I SAW THAT, TOO.
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE "ARMORED TITAN" THAT BROKE THROUGH WALL MARIA?!
IT HAD A HUGE MOUTH, BUT HARDLY ANY SKIN.
WHAT DID ITS FACE LOOK LIKE ?
WHAT DOES A REGULAR TITAN LOOK LIKE?!
THEN... THEN...


カチン
CLATTER
ULP
...
...LET'S KNOCK OFF THE QUES-TIONS, PEOPLE.
THERE ARE SOME THINGS A GUY DOESN'T WANNA REMEM-BER.
S-SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STIR UP PAINFUL MEMO-RIES...
HUK!

RIP
HM?
THAT'S NOT IT...
THE TITANS ARE NO BIG DEAL.
IF WE CAN MASTER THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR, THEY'LL BE NO MATCH FOR US!


I'M DONE PICKING UP STONES AND PULLING WEEDS! I FINALLY GET TO TRAIN TO BE A SOLDIER!
I WAS JUST CHOKED UP ABOUT IT BEFORE.
O-OH...
SO I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...
...AND RID THE WORLD OF THE TITANS!
AND THEN ...
WHAT, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
DID YOU JUST SAY YOU WERE GOING TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS?
! YEAH... WHY...?
!
YOU'RE THE GUY...
...WHO WANTS TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE AND TAKE IT EASY, RIGHT?

I'M NOTHING IF NOT HONEST ...
BETTER THAN A GUY WHO'S SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS BUT PRETENDS TO BE BRAVE.
THOUGH YOU ARE ELOQUENT ...
Y-YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME?!
AH, SORRY.
?!
HONESTY IS A BAD HABIT OF MINE.
I DON'T MEAN TO RILE YOU UP.
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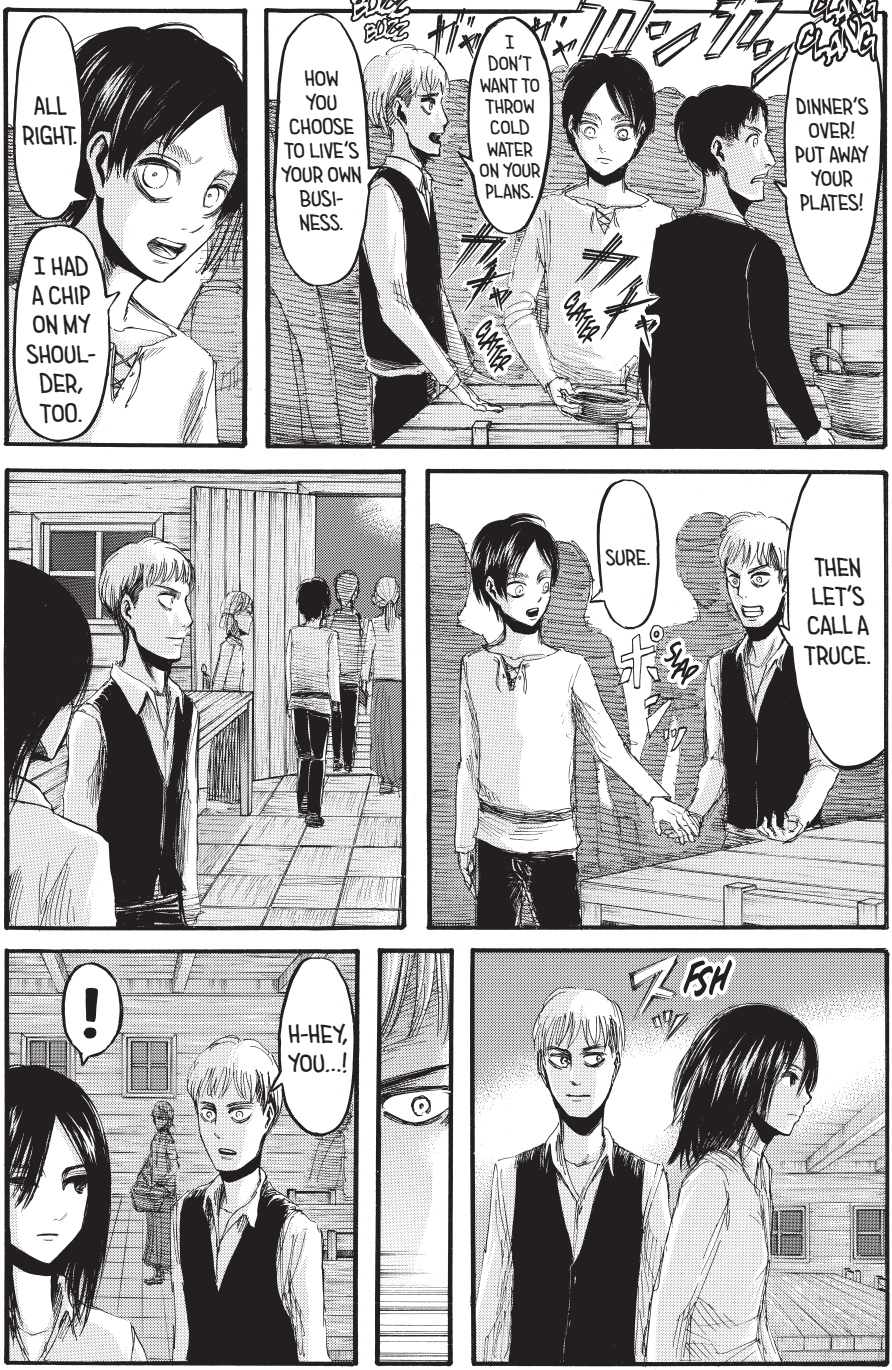
CLANG CLANG CLANG


ALL RIGHT.
I HAD A CHIP ON MY SHOULDER, TOO.
BUZZ BUZZ
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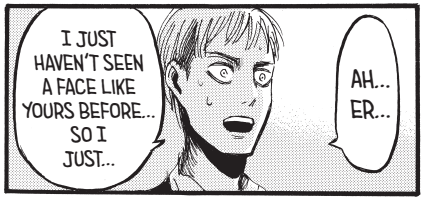
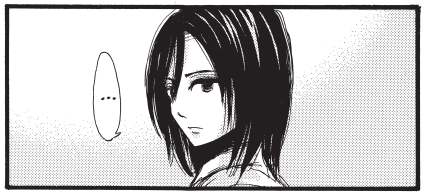
カンカン
CLANG CLANG
HOW YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE'S YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
I DON'T WANT TO THROW COLD WATER ON YOUR PLANS.
DINNER'S OVER! PUT AWAY YOUR PLATES!
CHATTER
CHATTER
SURE.
SNAP
THEN LET'S CALL A TRUCE.
!
H-HEY, YOU...!
FSH


I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN A FACE LIKE YOURS BEFORE... SO I JUST...
AH... ER...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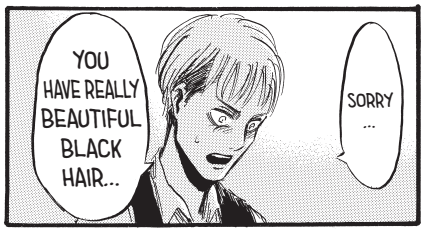
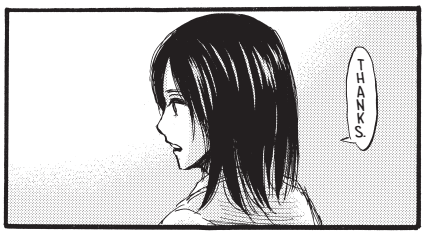
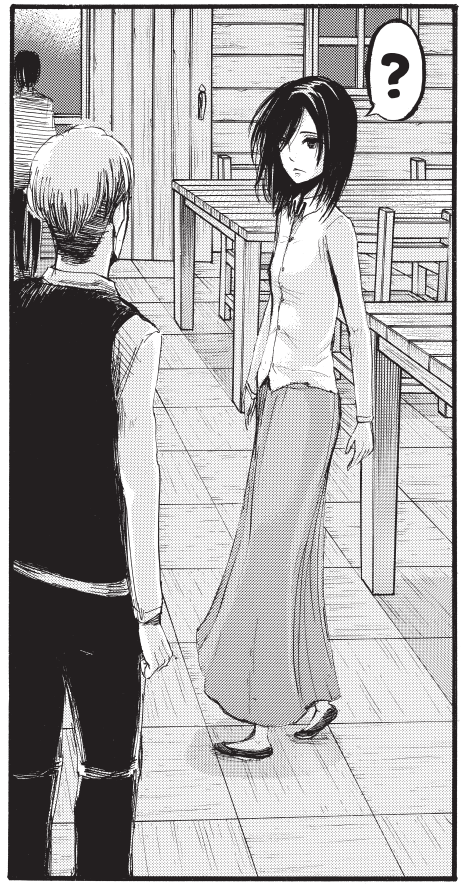

YOU HAVE REALLY BEAUTIFUL BLACK HAIR...
SORRY ...


THANKS.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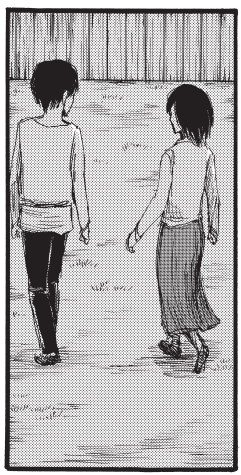
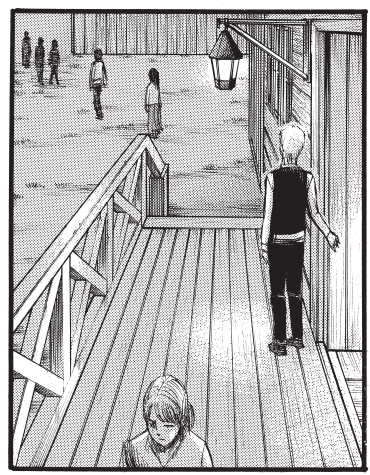
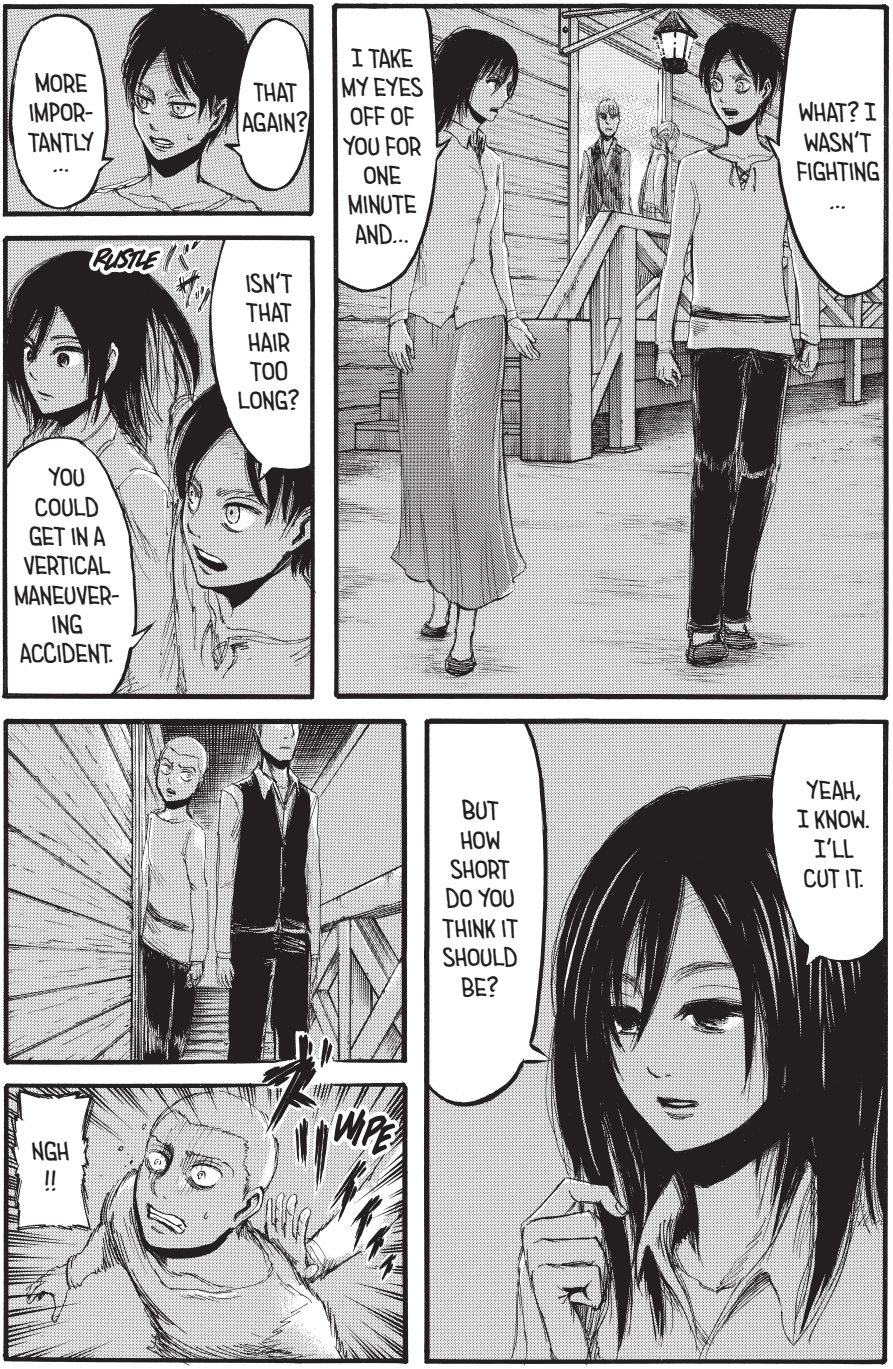
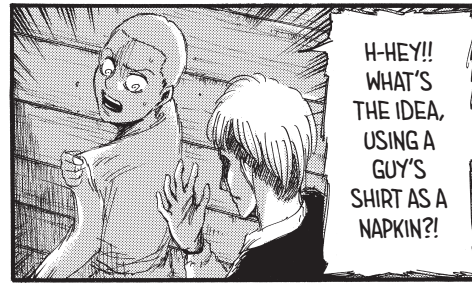
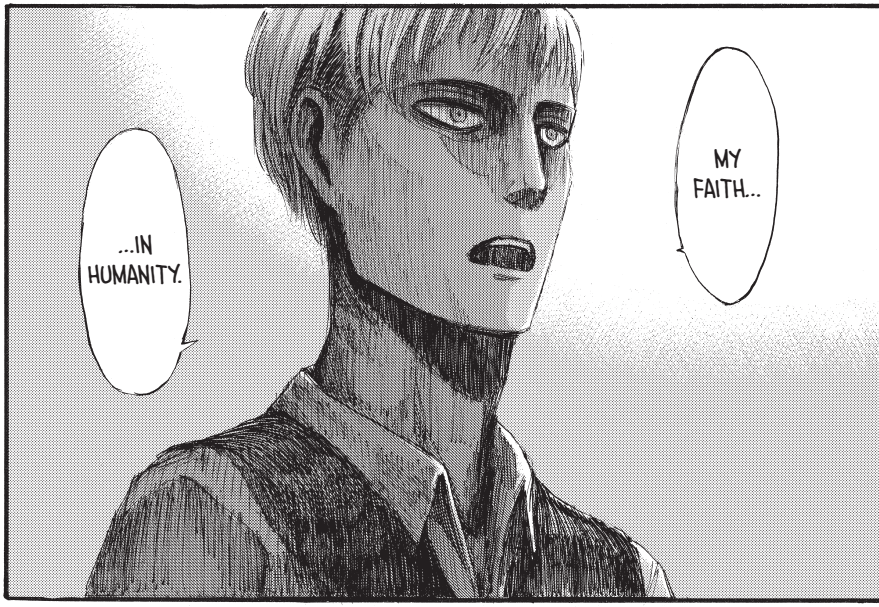


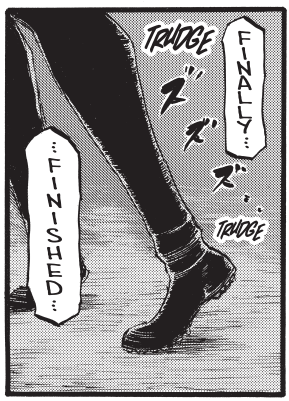



WHAT? I WASN'T FIGHTING ...
I TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU FOR ONE MINUTE AND...
THAT AGAIN?
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...
RUSTLE
ISN'T THAT HAIR TOO LONG?
YOU COULD GET IN A VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING ACCIDENT.
YEAH, I KNOW. I'LL CUT IT.
BUT HOW SHORT DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE?
WIPE
NGH !!

...?!
WHAT WERE YOU WIPING OFF, ANYWAY ...?


H-HEY!! WHAT'S THE IDEA, USING A GUY'S SHIRT AS A NAPKIN?!


MY FAITH...
...IN HUMANITY.


FINALLY...
TRUDGE
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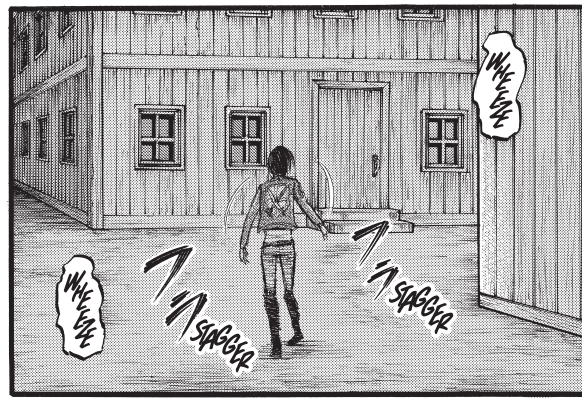
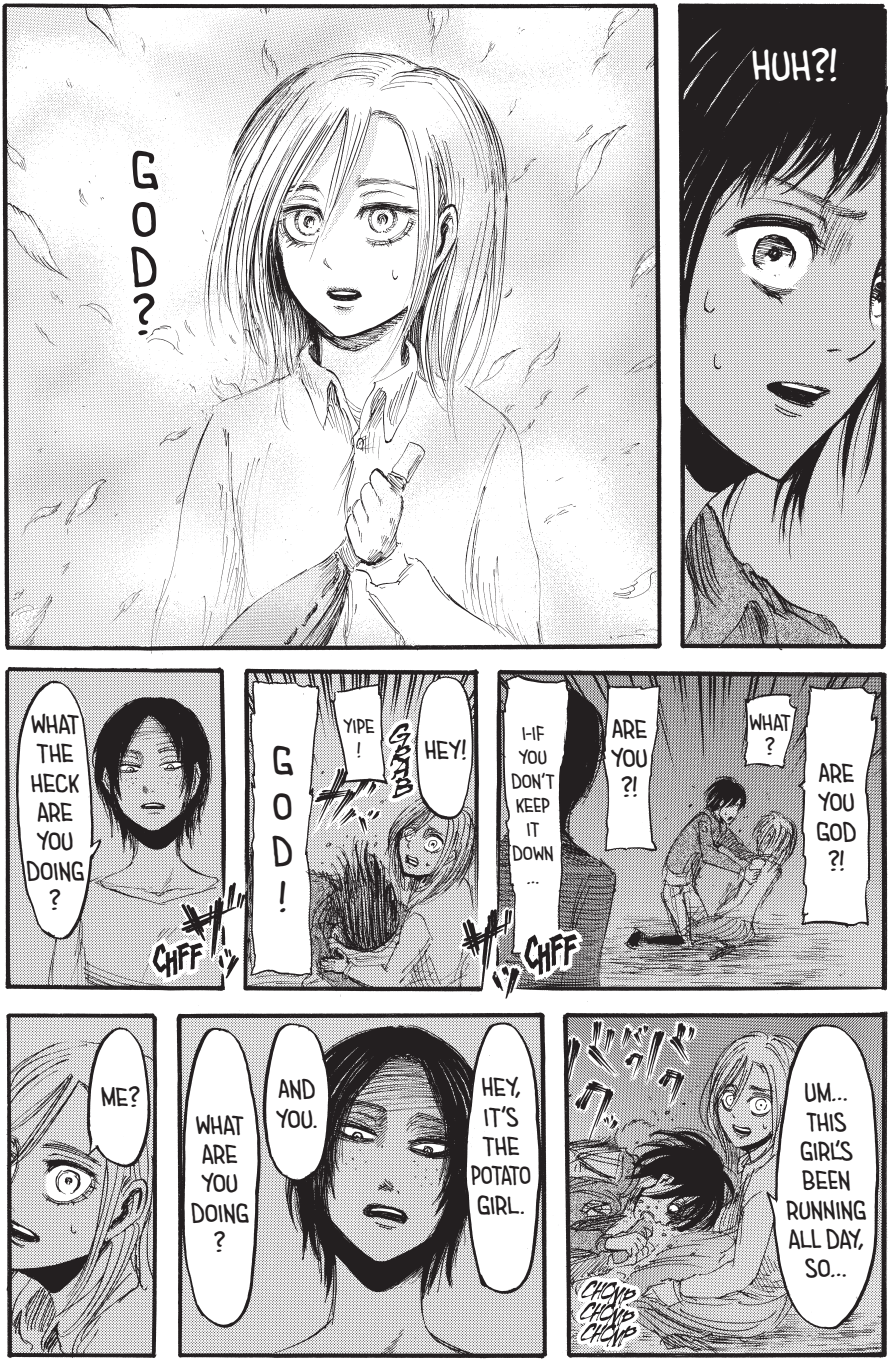
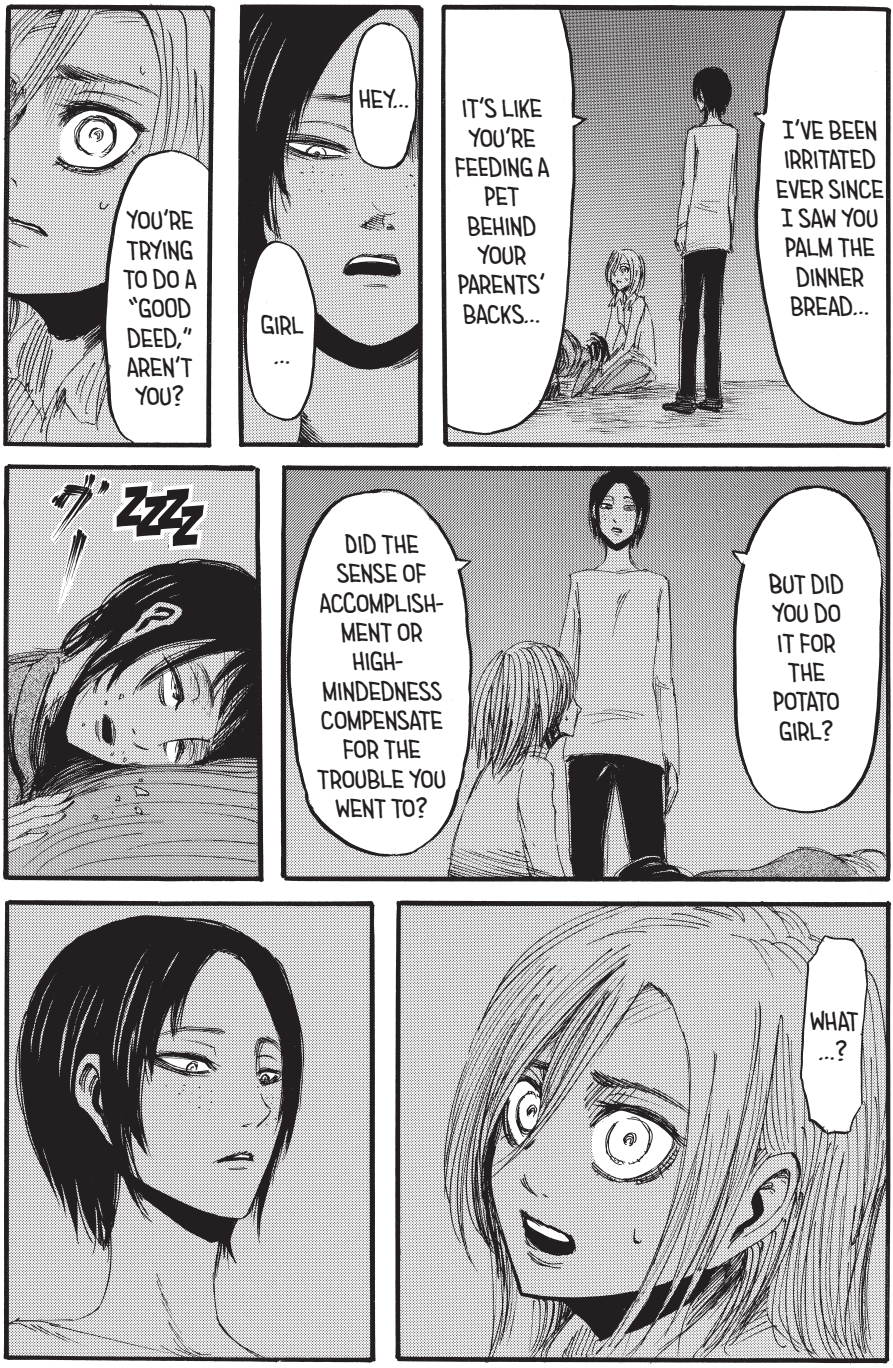
TRUDGE
...FINISHED...

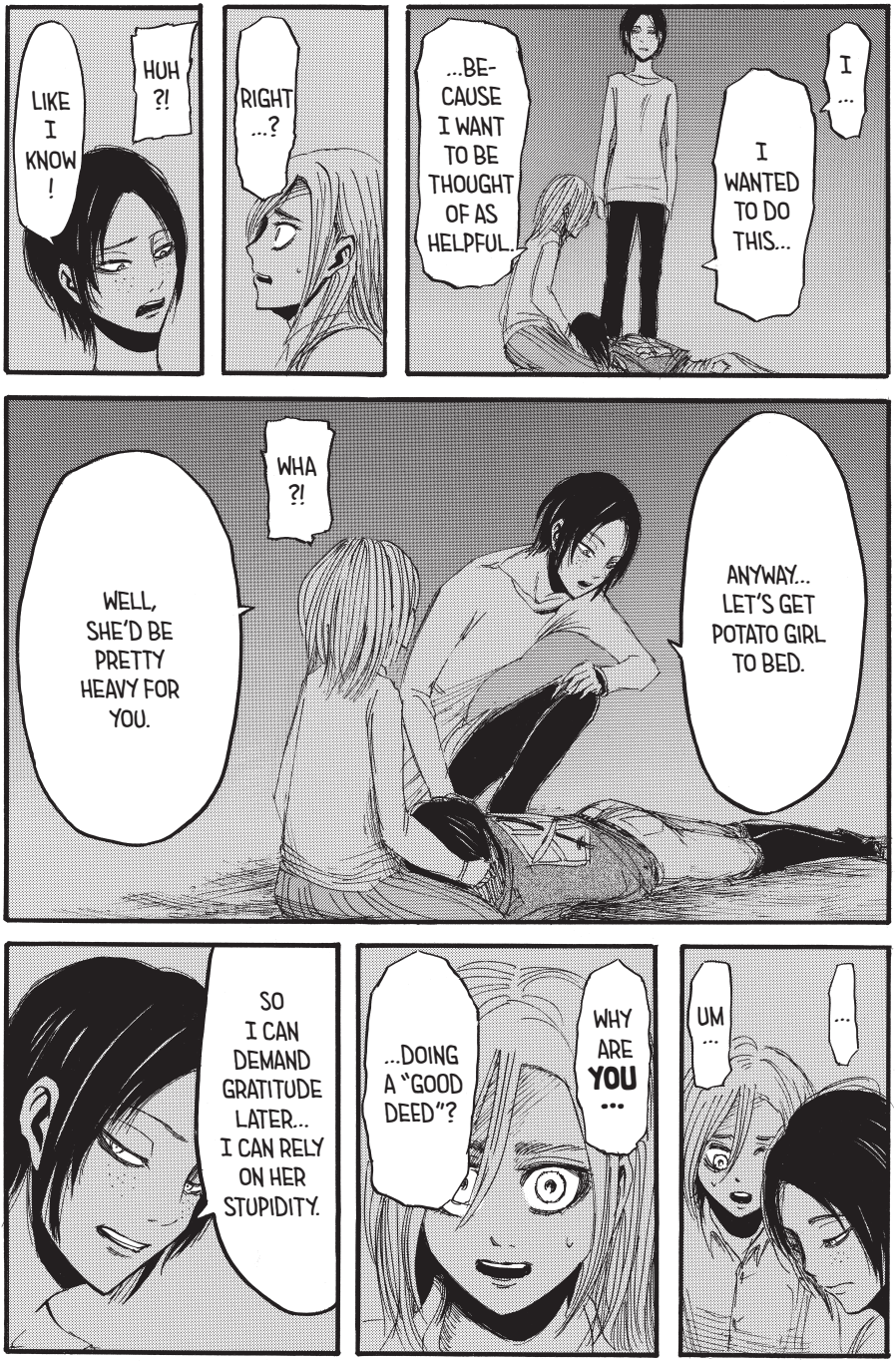

WHEEZE
STAGGER
STAGGER
WHEEZE

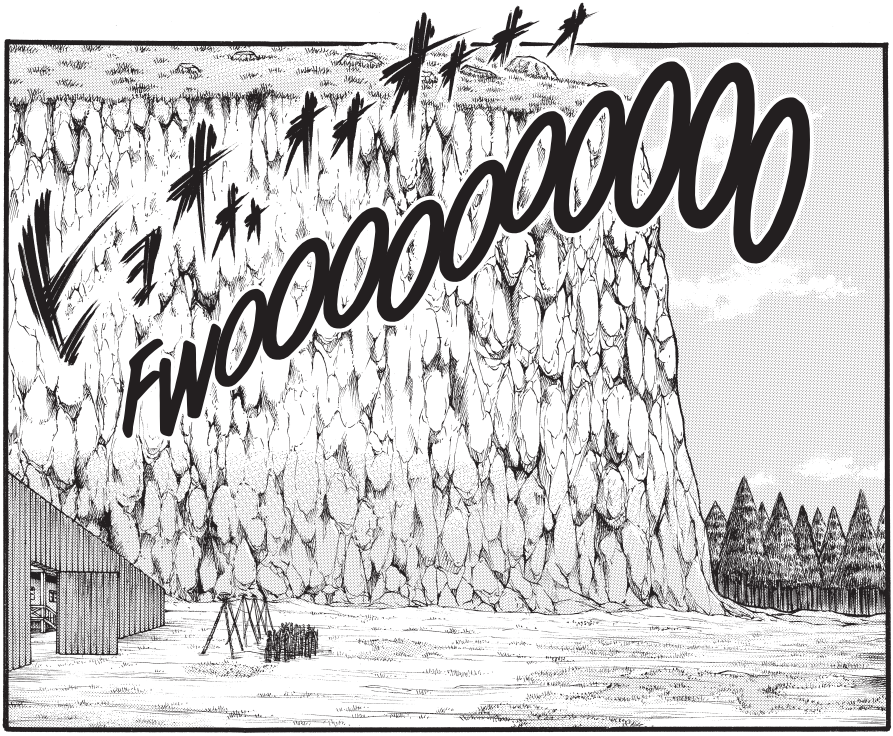
HE REALLY DID MAKE ME... RUN TO THE BRINK OF DEATH...
I THOUGHT I'D GET TO EAT DELICIOUS FOOD BY LEAVING THE FOREST...
...BUT...
...I'LL PROBABLY STARVE TO DEATH BY MORNING.
I WANTED ...
TO EAT SOMETHING... NEW..
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF

WHUMP
GYAAAAA!
WHOOOSH
IT'S...
AH !!
...BREAD !!
...THAT'S ALL THERE WAS, BUT I SET IT ASIDE...
ANYWAY... YOU'D BETTER DRINK SOME WATER FIRST...


GOD?
HUH?!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?
CHFF
GOD!
YIPE!
GRAB
HEY!
I-IF YOU DON'T KEEP IT DOWN...
CHFF
ARE YOU?!
WHAT?
ARE YOU GOD?!
ME?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AND YOU.
HEY, IT'S THE POTATO GIRL.
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
UM... THIS GIRL'S BEEN RUNNING ALL DAY, SO...


I'VE BEEN IRRITATED EVER SINCE I SAW YOU PALM THE DINNER BREAD...
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE FEEDING A PET BEHIND YOUR PARENTS' BACKS...
HEY...
GIRL...
YOU'RE TRYING TO DO A "GOOD DEED," AREN'T YOU?
BUT DID YOU DO IT FOR THE POTATO GIRL?
DID THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISH-MENT OR HIGH-MINDEDNESS COMPENSATE FOR THE TROUBLE YOU WENT TO?
ZZZZ
WHAT...?


I ...
I WANTED TO DO THIS...
...BE-CAUSE I WANT TO BE THOUGHT OF AS HELPFUL.
RIGHT ...?
HUH ?!
LIKE I KNOW !
ANYWAY... LET'S GET POTATO GIRL TO BED.
WHA ?!
WELL, SHE'D BE PRETTY HEAVY FOR YOU.
... UM ...
WHY ARE **YOU** ...
...DOING A "GOOD DEED"?
SO I CAN DEMAND GRATITUDE LATER... I CAN RELY ON HER STUPIDITY.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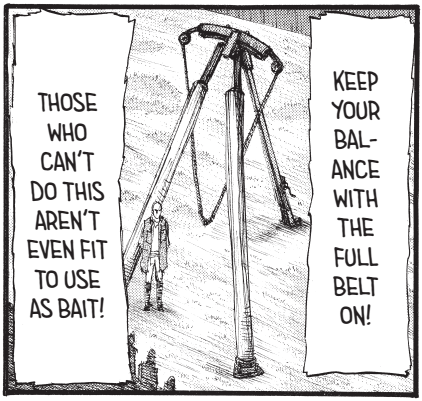
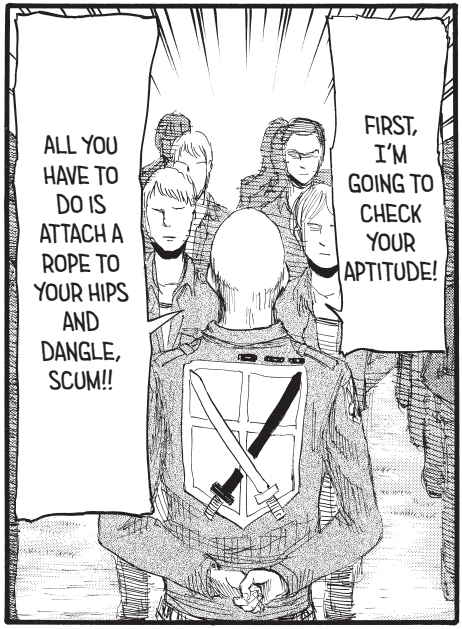
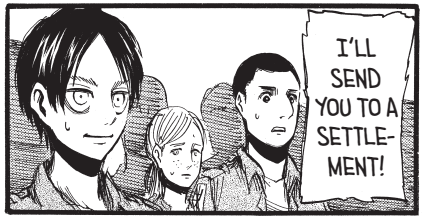
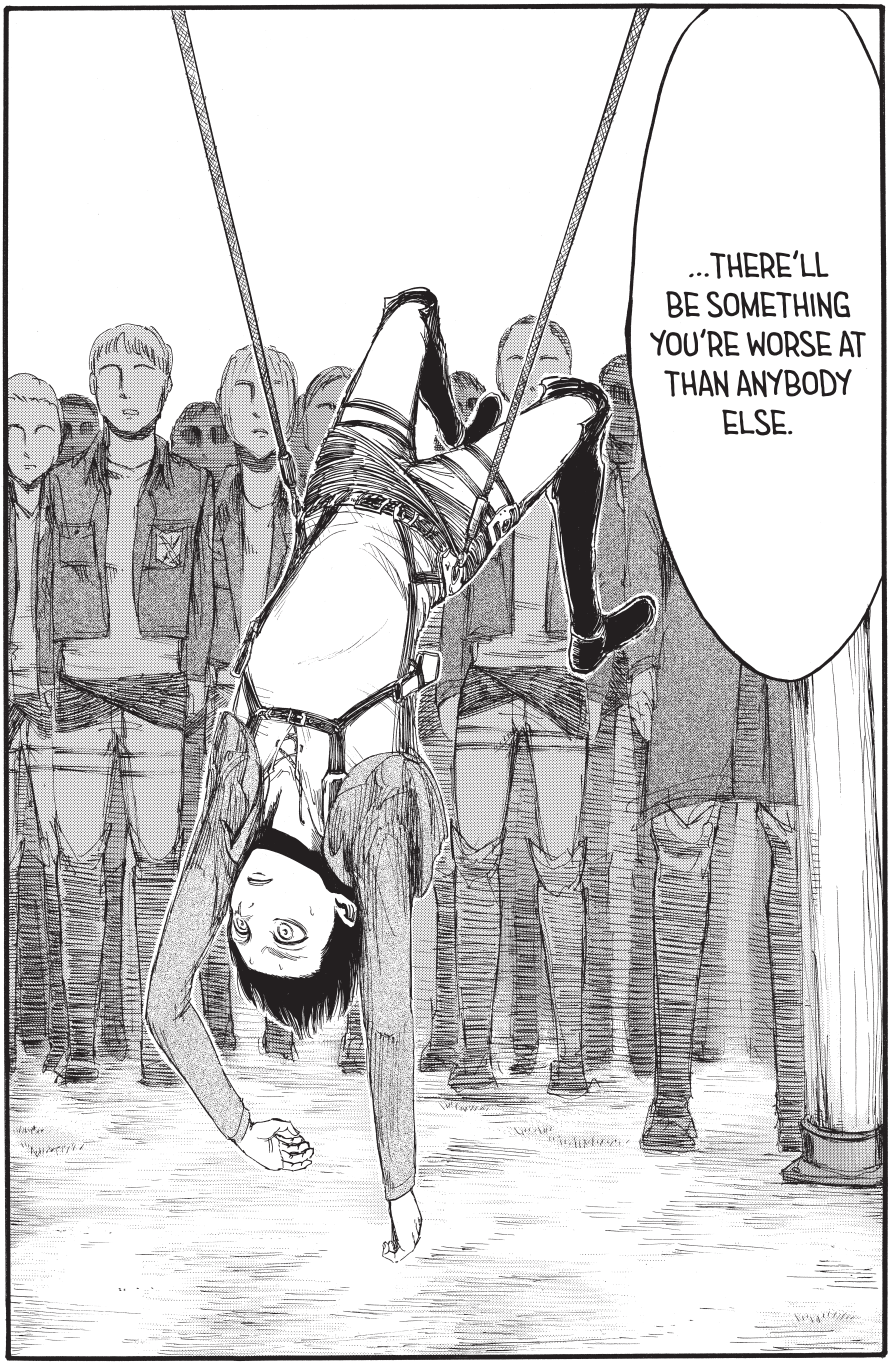

KEEP YOUR BAL-ANCE WITH THE FULL BELT ON!
THOSE WHO CAN'T DO THIS AREN'T EVEN FIT TO USE AS BAIT!


FIRST, I'M GOING TO CHECK YOUR APTITUDE!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ATTACH A ROPE TO YOUR HIPS AND DANGLE, SCUM!!

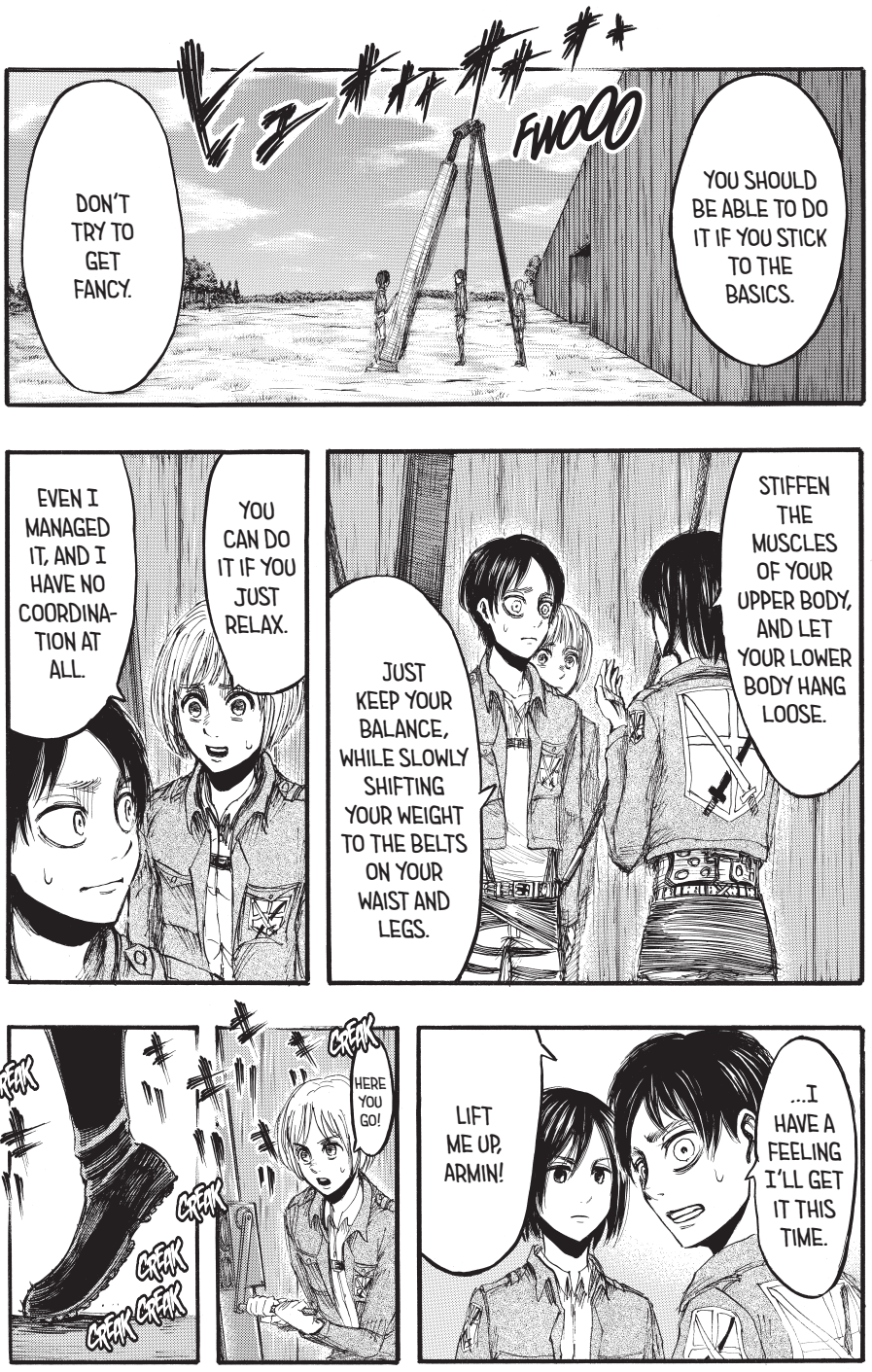

I'LL SEND YOU TO A SETTLE-MENT!

MM ...
CHFF CHFF
THIS IS THE FIRST BABY STEP, BUT FROM THIS STAGE, YOU CAN ALREADY SEE WHO HAS AN APTITUDE FOR VERTICAL MANEUVERING.
LOOKS LIKE SHE ALREADY GETS WHAT TO DO... THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL NATURAL APTITUDE.
SHE ISN'T QUIVER-ING IN THE LEAST...
LOOK AT THAT GIRL...
...THERE ARE QUITE A FEW WHO CAN DO IT THIS TIME.
MM... LOOKS LIKE...
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE...
...ANOTHER KIND OF NATURAL APTITUDE.
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
UM ...


...THERE'LL BE SOMETHING YOU'RE WORSE AT THAN ANYBODY ELSE.

RIGHT YOURSELF !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, EREN YEAGER ?!
...GET BACK UP?
HOW DO I...
TH-THUMP
WHAT'S THIS ...?
TH-THUMP
HUH ...?
TH-THUMP
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...
TH-THUMP

ATTACK
ON TITAN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DON'T TRY TO GET FANCY.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT IF YOU STICK TO THE BASICS.
EVEN I MANAGED IT, AND I HAVE NO COORDINATION AT ALL.
YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU JUST RELAX.
JUST KEEP YOUR BALANCE, WHILE SLOWLY SHIFTING YOUR WEIGHT TO THE BELTS ON YOUR WAIST AND LEGS.
STIFFEN THE MUSCLES OF YOUR UPPER BODY, AND LET YOUR LOWER BODY HANG LOOSE.
CREEK
CREEK
CREEK
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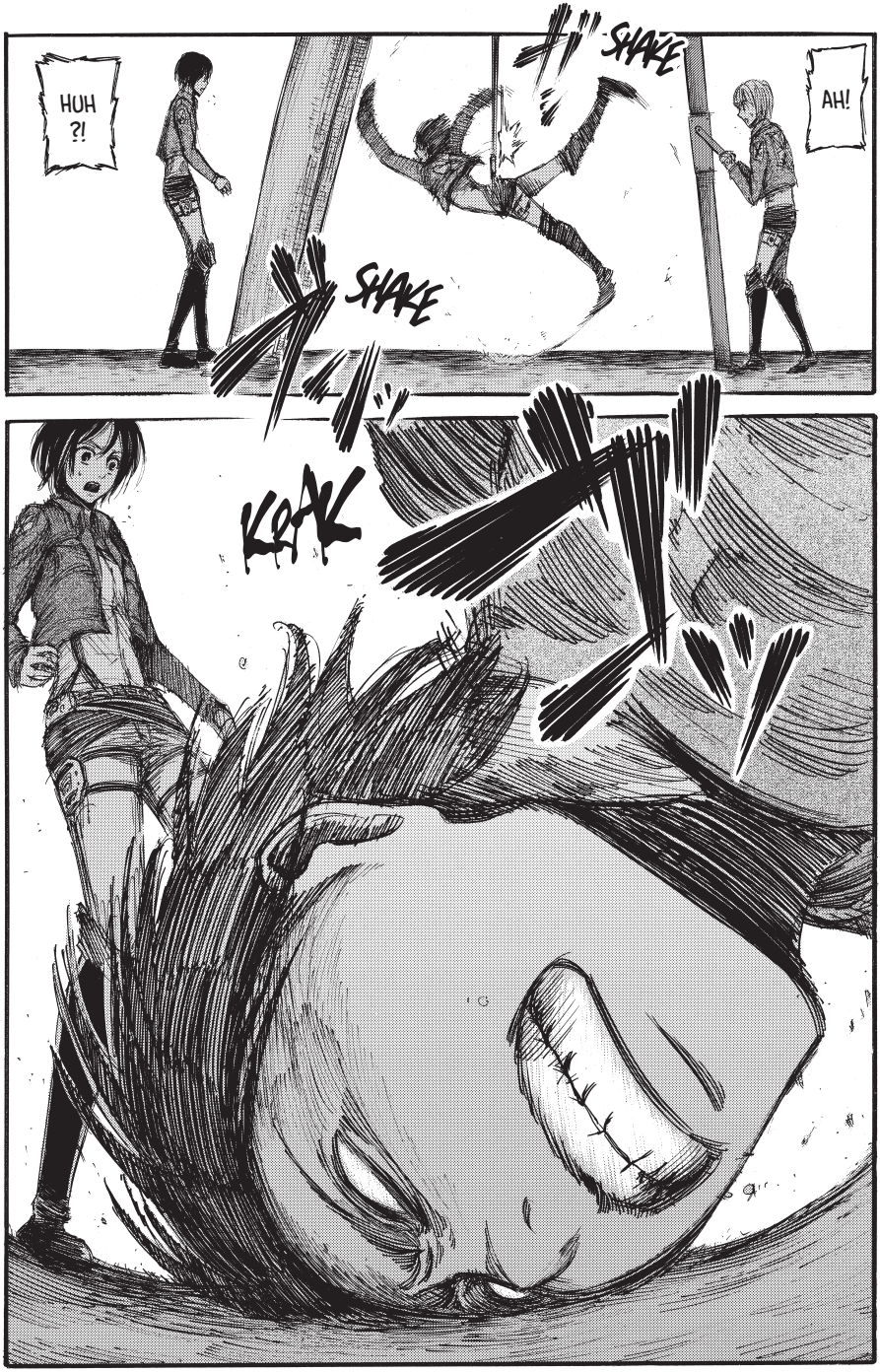
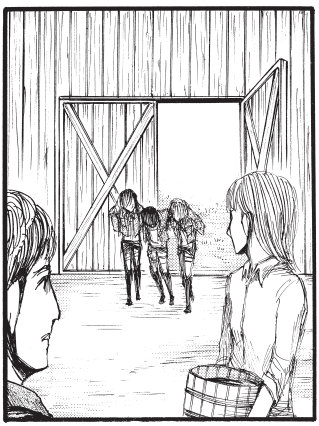
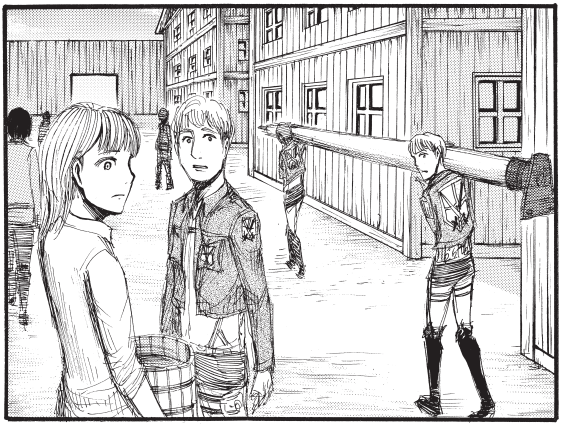
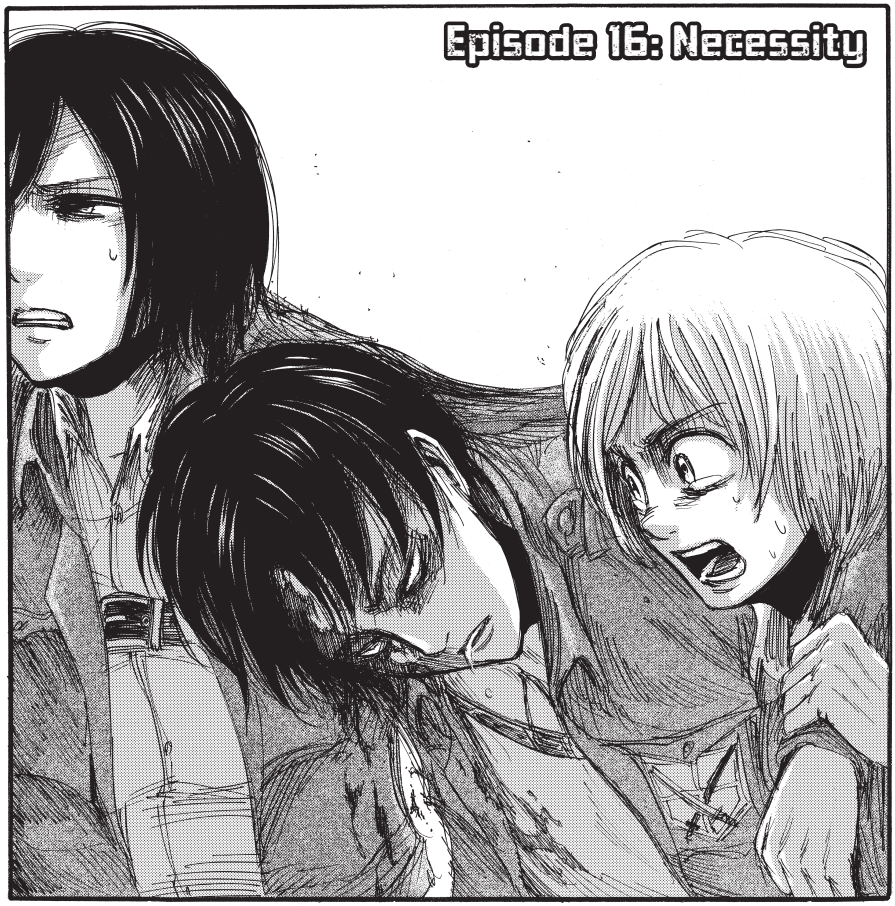
CREEK
HERE YOU GO!
LIFT ME UP, ARMIN!
...I HAVE A FEELING I'LL GET IT THIS TIME.


HUH ?!
SHAKE
AH!
SHAKE
KRAK



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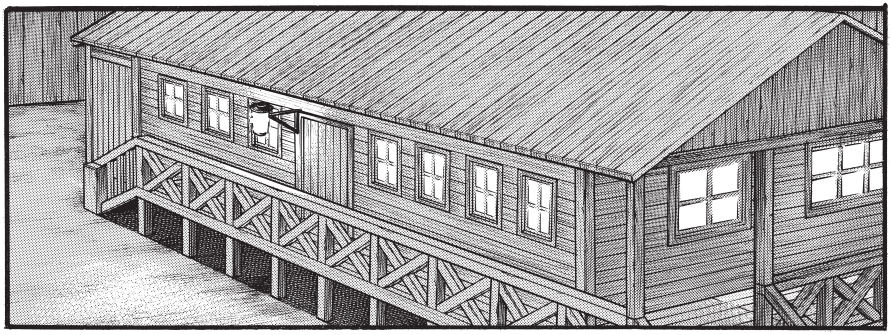
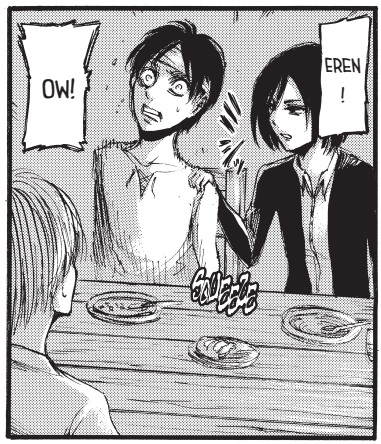


AND HE'S ALREADY ALMOST KILLED HIMSELF ON STEP ONE, POSTURE CONTROL TRAINING!
BUZZ
BUZZ
TELL ME ABOUT IT... HOW'S IT POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE NOT TO GRASP THAT?
BUZZ

BUZZ
BUZZ
HEY... LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T THAT GUY...
...SAY THAT HE WAS GONNA WIPE OUT THE TITANS?


OW!
EREN !
BUZZ
BUZZ

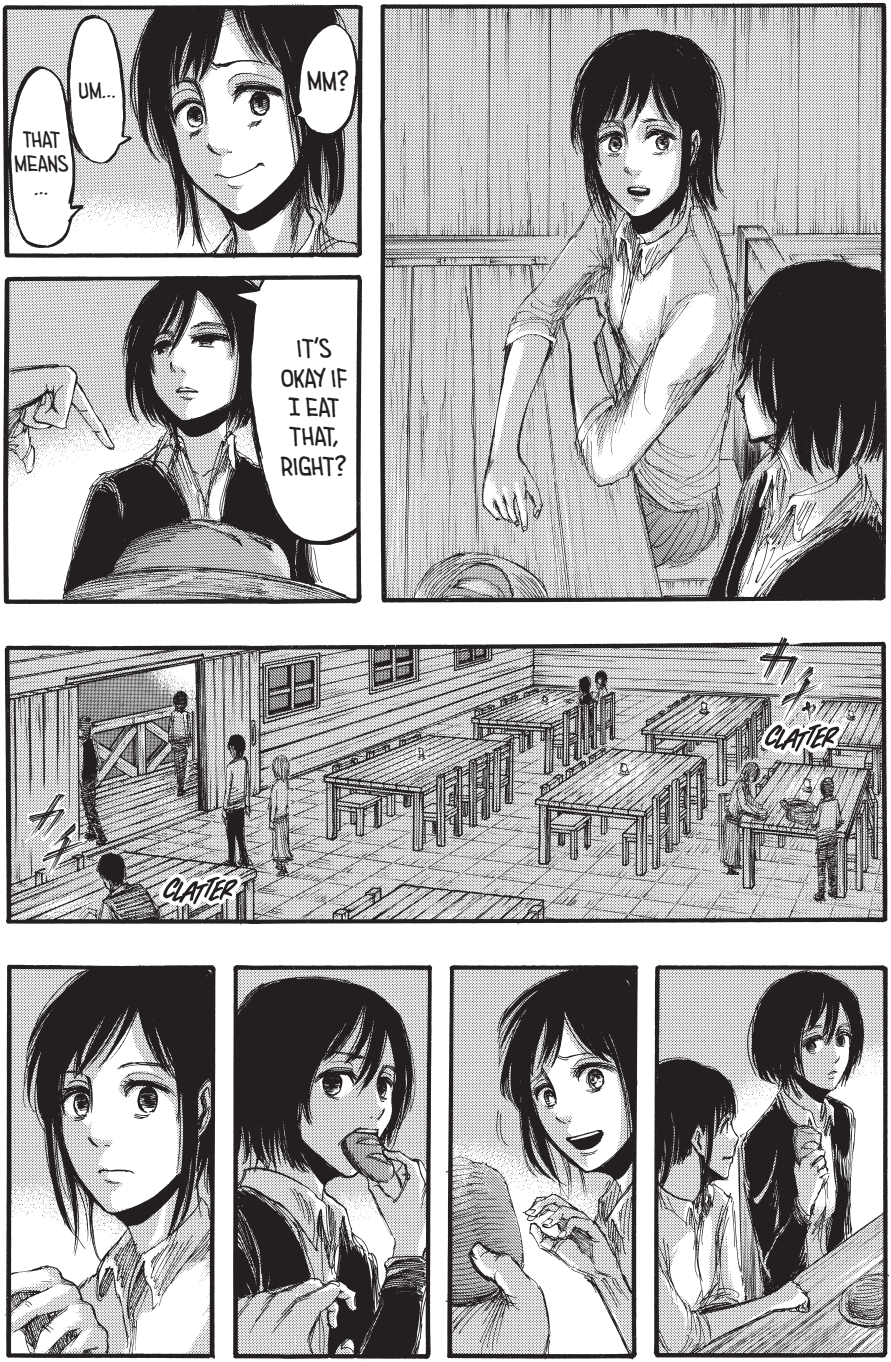
GOOD! THERE'S NO REASON TO WASTE FOOD ON HIM!
EREN ...
HOW THE HELL DOES HE PLAN ON SLAUGHTERING THE TITANS ANYWAY?
SHAKE
SHAKE
EREN ...
YOU GOT ME...BUT AT THIS RATE, HE'LL BE KICKED OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE EVEN GETS A SHOT AT IT.

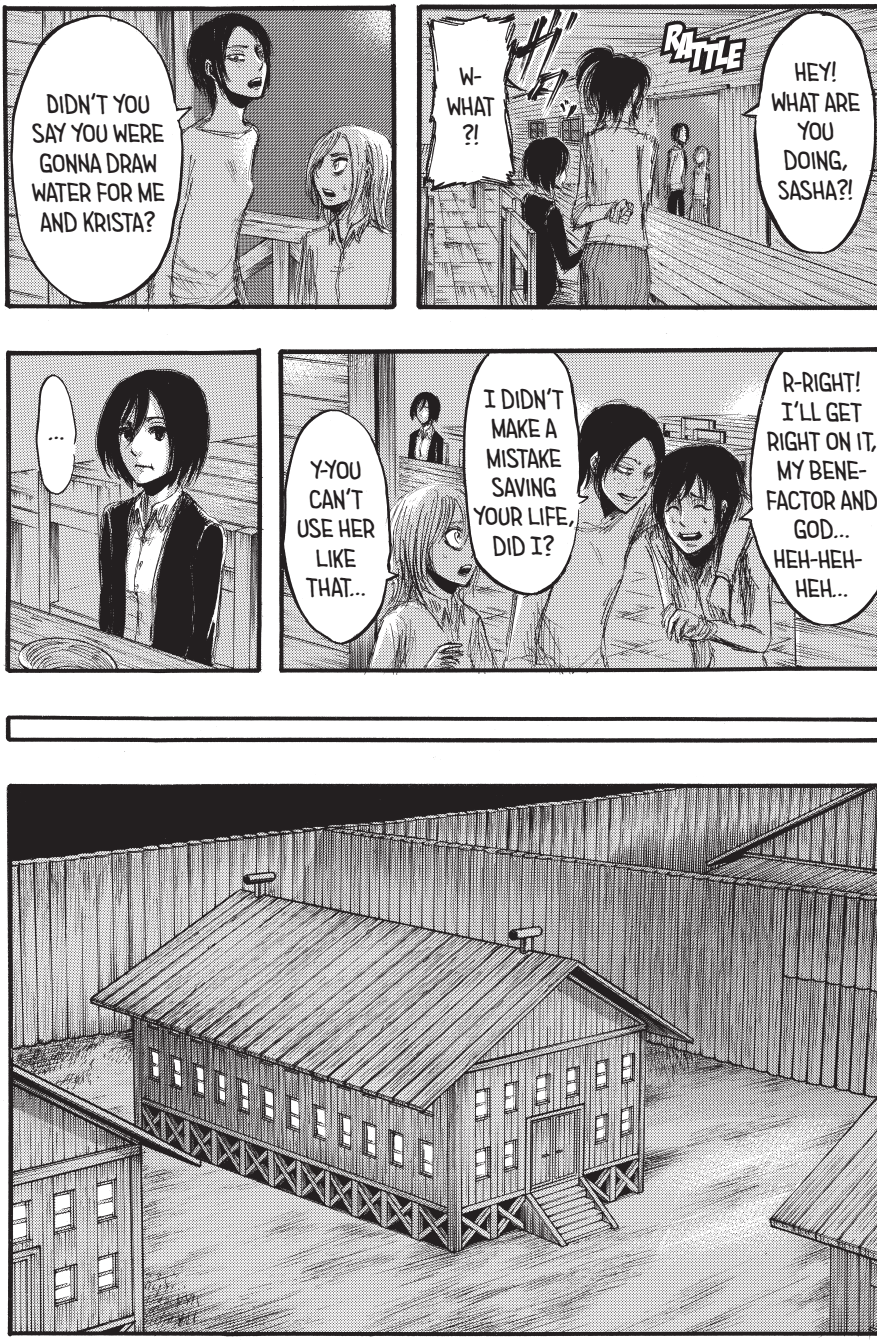
...
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT SO YOUR BODY WILL MAKE MORE BLOOD TO REPLACE WHAT YOU LOST TODAY.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET IT DOWN TOMORROW.
THERE'S NO SENSE LETTING THEM GET TO YOU.
HOW AM I EVER GOING TO...
IT'S PA-THET-IC...
I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S NO SENSE IN GETTING WORKED UP OVER IT NOW...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
... TO-MOR-ROW ...
IF I CAN'T DO IT TOMOR-ROW...
... HUH ?!
HM?
YOU SHOULDN'T SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THAT ANYWAY.
...ERADICATE THEM LIKE THIS?

IF YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR IT, WHAT CAN YOU DO?
BECAUSE AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DIE IN VAIN.
AND ALL YOUR DREAMS AND EFFORTS WILL BE FOR NOTHING.
WHAT'D YOU SAY ...?
I'M SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T AIM TO BE A SOLDIER.
YOU CAN ALWAYS SUPPORT THE HUMAN RACE BY BEING A PRODUCER.
...
WHA...?
LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT.
H-HOW CAN YOU...?
YOU KNOW WHAT I SAW THAT DAY...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ARGUMENT'S GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND?

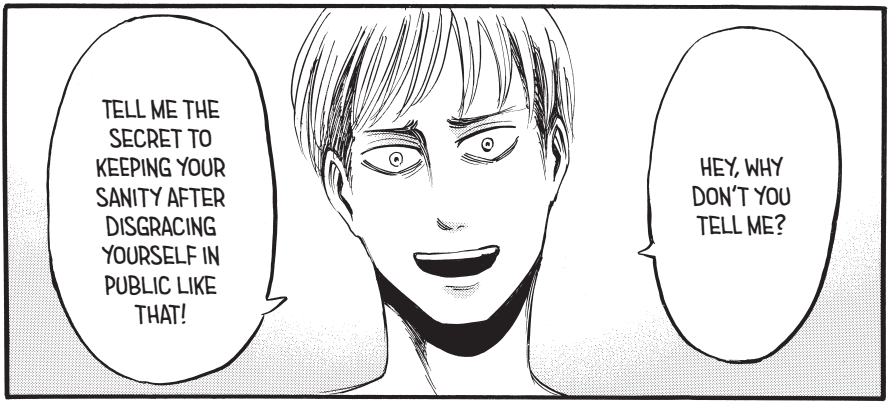
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...YOUR RESOLVE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
BUT ...
...
JERK!
I KNOW THAT ALREADY...!
ULP...
IT'S NOT **YOUR** DECISION WHETHER YOU GET TO BE A SOLDIER, EREN...

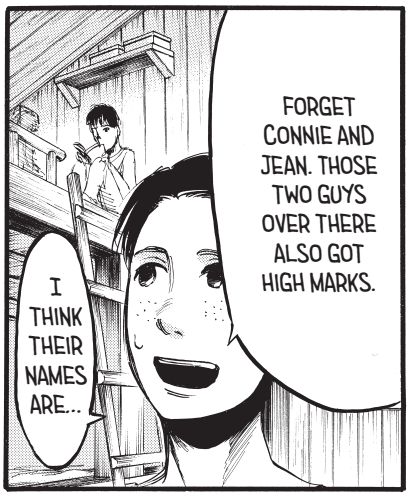
WHAT I'M SAYING MUST SEEM RIDICULOUS TO YOU...
SHE'S RIGHT... I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING...
THE TRUTH IS THAT IF I CAN'T DO IT, I'M OUT OF HERE...
CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER
RATTLE
RATTLE
...!
AFTER ALL, YOU MASTER EVERYTHING ON THE FIRST TRY!
SO...
ARMIN, LET'S GO.
CLANG
I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO GO BACK TO THE SETTLEMENT ALONE, EREN...
I'D GO WITH YOU, SO...
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

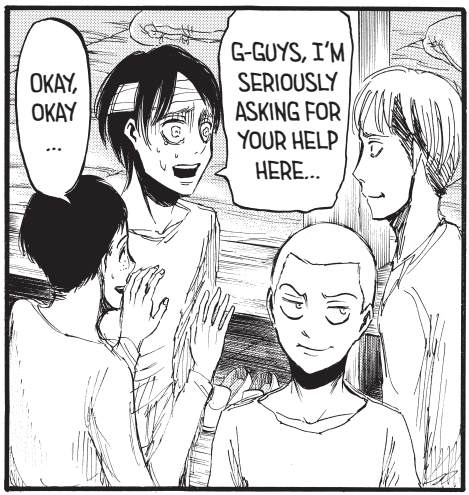

MM?
UM...
THAT MEANS ...
IT'S OKAY IF I EAT THAT, RIGHT?
CLATTER
CLATTER

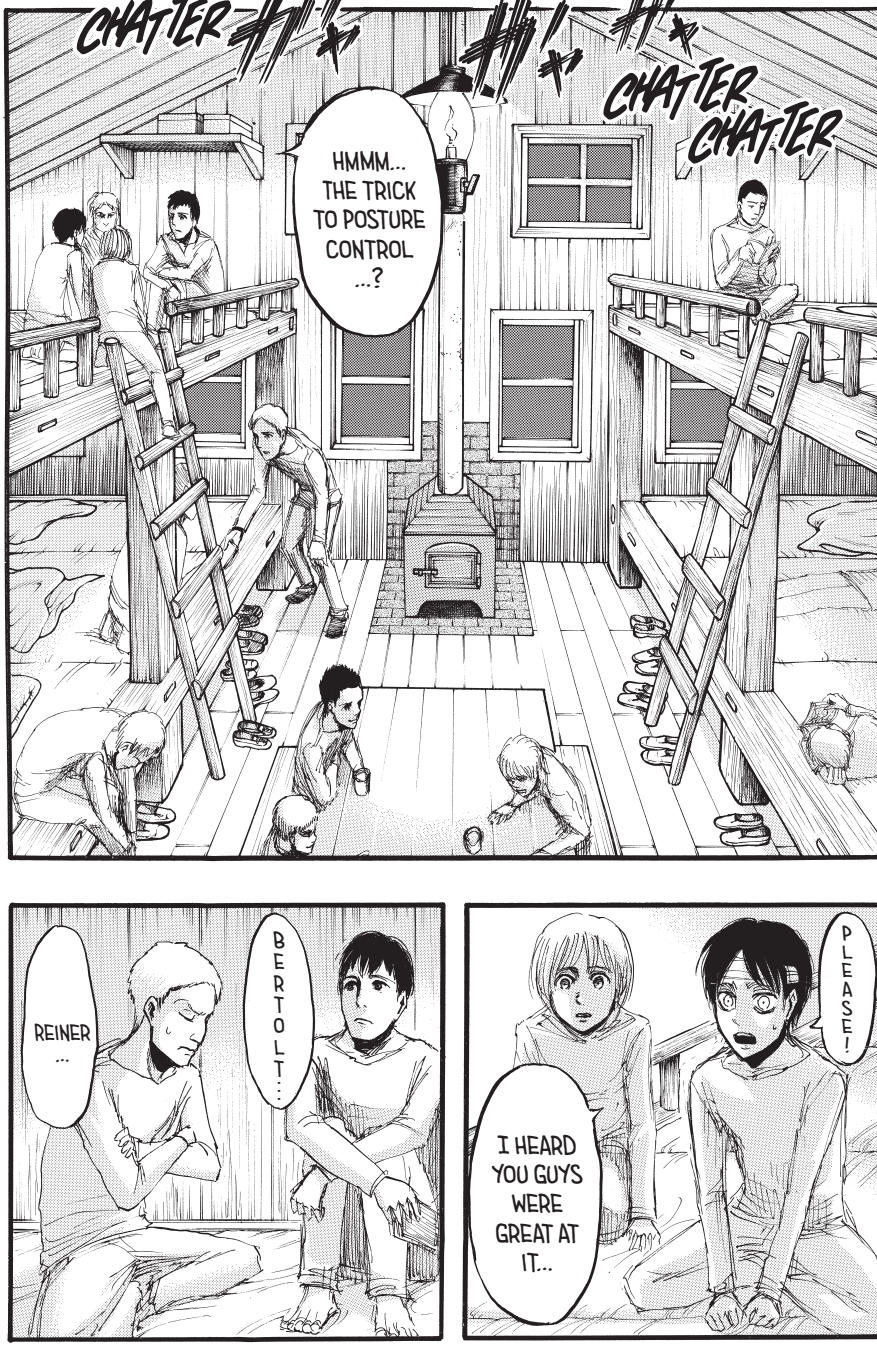

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA DRAW WATER FOR ME AND KRISTA?
W-WHAT?!
RATTLE
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SASHA?!
...
Y-YOU CAN'T USE HER LIKE THAT...
I DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE SAVING YOUR LIFE, DID I?
R-RIGHT! I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, MY BENE-FACTOR AND GOD... HEH-HEH-HEH...

A TRICK TO IT?
SORRY, BUDDY, BUT I'M JUST A NATURAL.
ALL I CAN SAY IS, "FEEL IT."

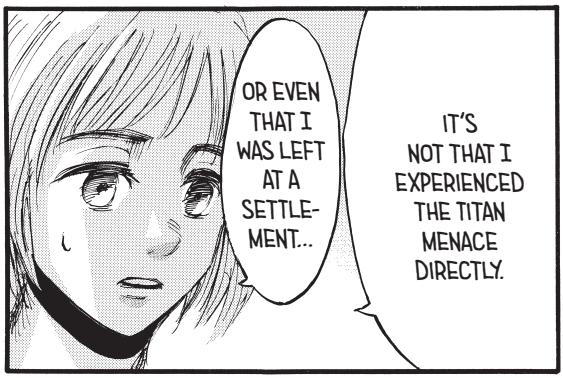

HEY, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME?
TELL ME THE SECRET TO KEEPING YOUR SANITY AFTER DISGRACING YOURSELF IN PUBLIC LIKE THAT!

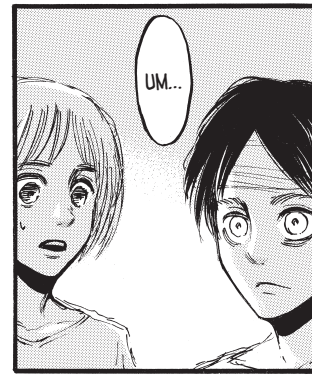

FORGET CONNIE AND JEAN. THOSE TWO GUYS OVER THERE ALSO GOT HIGH MARKS.
I THINK THEIR NAMES ARE...


G-GUYS, I'M SERIOUSLY ASKING FOR YOUR HELP HERE...
OKAY, OKAY ...


CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
HMMM... THE TRICK TO POSTURE CONTROL ...?
BERTOLT...
REINER ...
PLEASE!
I HEARD YOU GUYS WERE GREAT AT IT...

SORRY... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED A TRICK TO JUST DANGLE THERE.
...
I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE WORDS OF WISDOM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...
I SEE ...
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BET ON TOMOR-ROW...
...
YOU TWO ARE FROM SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT...
THEN YOU PROBABLY KNOW HOW SCARY THE TITANS ARE.
SO I DON'T GET WHY YOU WANNA BE SOLDIERS.


IT'S NOT THAT I EXPERIENCED THE TITAN MENACE DIRECTLY.
OR EVEN THAT I WAS LEFT AT A SETTLE-MENT...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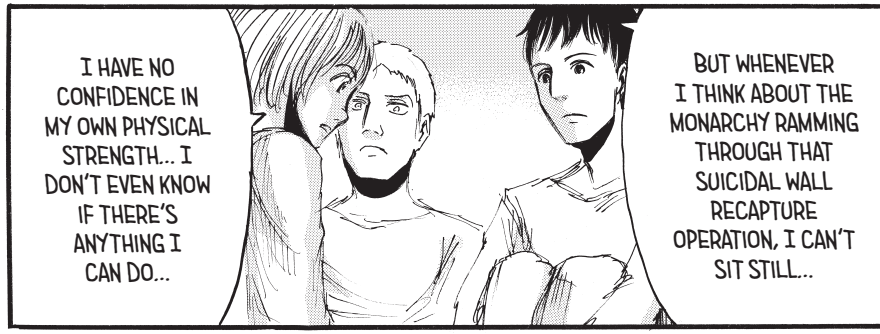
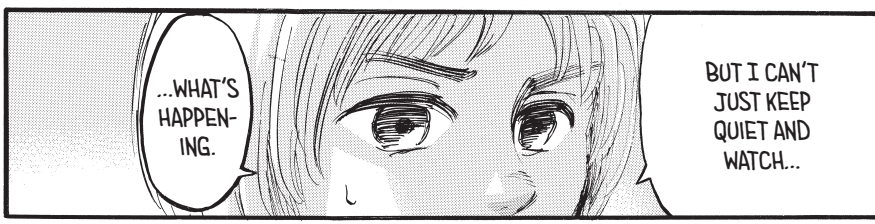
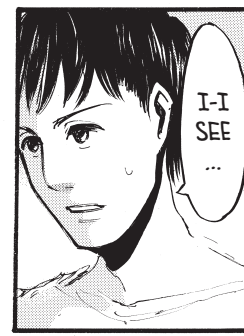
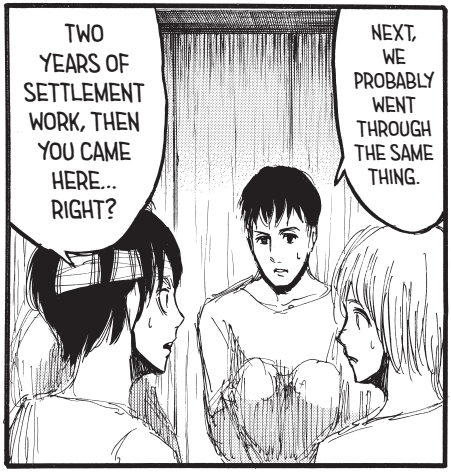

I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN PHYSICAL STRENGTH... I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
BUT WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT THE MONARCHY RAMMING THROUGH THAT SUICIDAL WALL RECAPTURE OPERATION, I CAN'T SIT STILL...


...WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING.
BUT I CAN'T JUST KEEP QUIET AND WATCH...

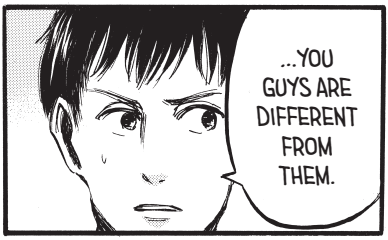
WHERE YOU GUYS ARE FROM?
CAN I ASK...
I'M PRETTY MUCH THE SAME WAY...

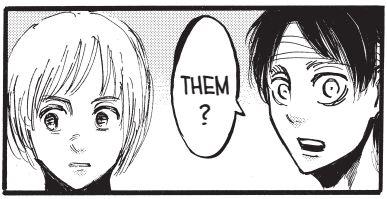

I-I SEE ...

...ARE FROM A VILLAGE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTHEAST OF WALL MARIA.
REINER AND I...
...
IN FACT, WE FIRST LEARNED ABOUT IT WHEN THE TITANS CAME.
YEAH... UNLIKE THE THRIVING TOWNS ALONG THE RIVER, WE DIDN'T GET WORD RIGHT AWAY THAT THE WALL WAS BROKEN.
WHAT?! THAT'S ...
...!!
REALIZING IT WAS FOOTSTEPS, I HURRIED TO THE WINDOW AND OPENED IT--
I'D NEVER HEARD THE GROUND RUMBLE LIKE THAT BEFORE, AND IT KEPT GETTING LOUDER...
IT WAS DAWN... THE LIVESTOCK WERE MAKING A HUGE RACKET.


TWO YEARS OF SETTLEMENT WORK, THEN YOU CAME HERE... RIGHT?
NEXT, WE PROBABLY WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING.

AFTER THAT... UM, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER. EVERYBODY WAS PANICKING.
BUT WE GOT ON HORSES AND ESCAPED TO WALL SHEENA.


...YOU GUYS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THEM.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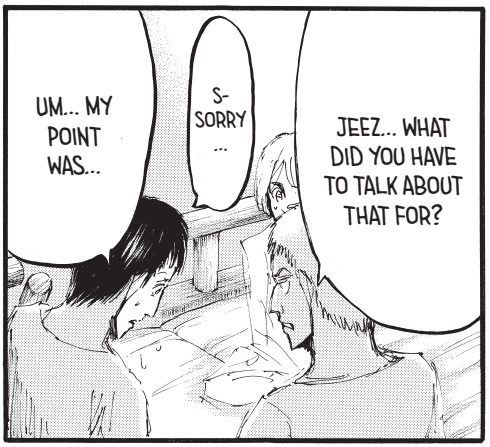
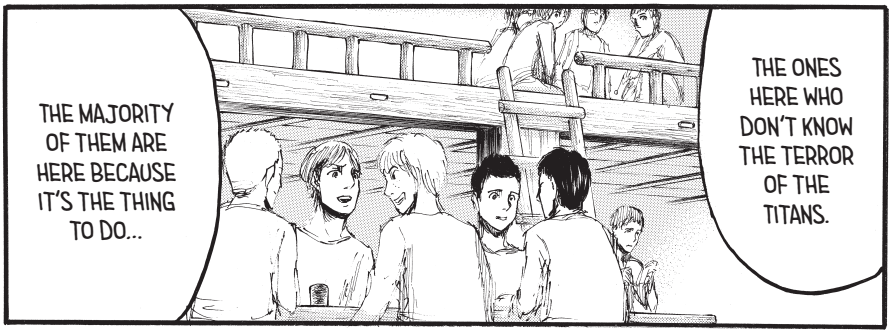
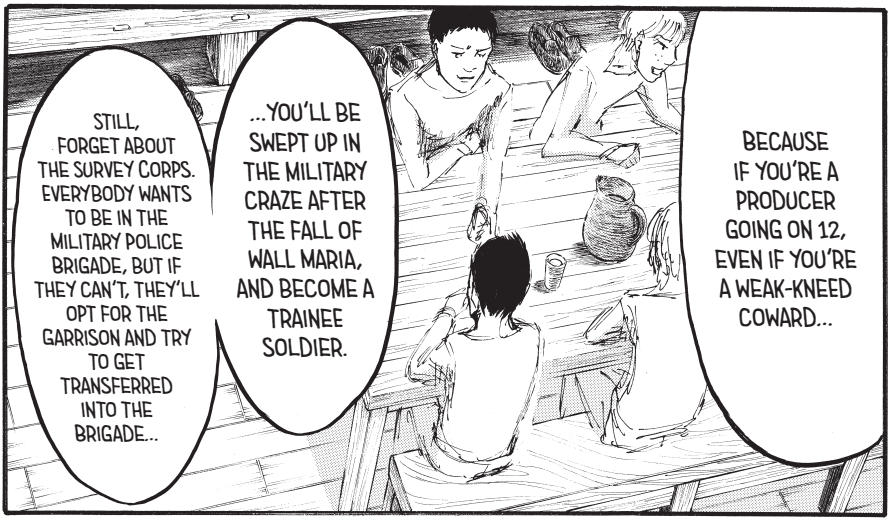
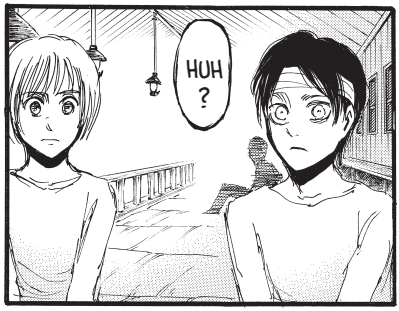

UM... MY POINT WAS...
S-SORRY ...
JEEZ... WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT FOR?


THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE HERE BECAUSE IT'S THE THING TO DO...
THE ONES HERE WHO DON'T KNOW THE TERROR OF THE TITANS.


STILL, FORGET ABOUT THE SURVEY CORPS. EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, BUT IF THEY CAN'T, THEY'LL OPT FOR THE GARRISON AND TRY TO GET TRANSFERRED INTO THE BRIGADE...
...YOU'LL BE SWEPT UP IN THE MILITARY CRAZE AFTER THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, AND BECOME A TRAINEE SOLDIER.
BECAUSE IF YOU'RE A PRODUCER GOING ON 12, EVEN IF YOU'RE A WEAK-KNEED COWARD...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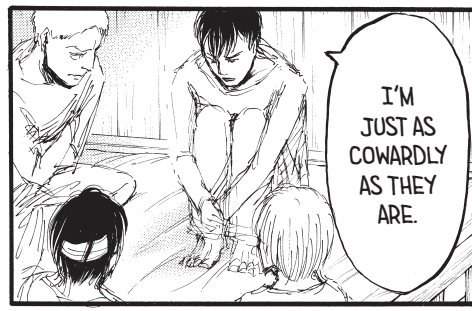
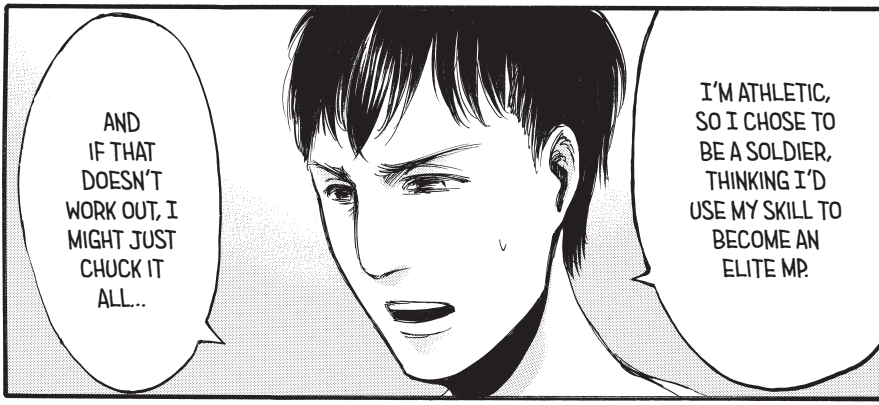
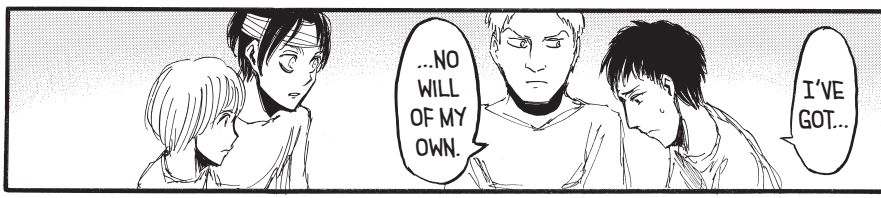
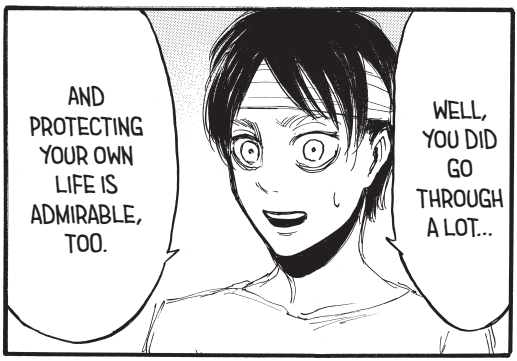
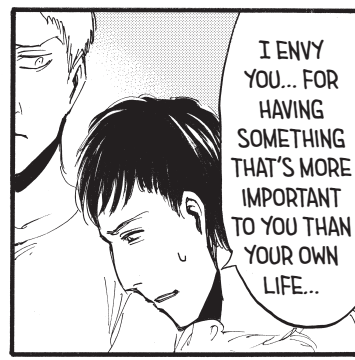

I'M JUST AS COWARDLY AS THEY ARE.

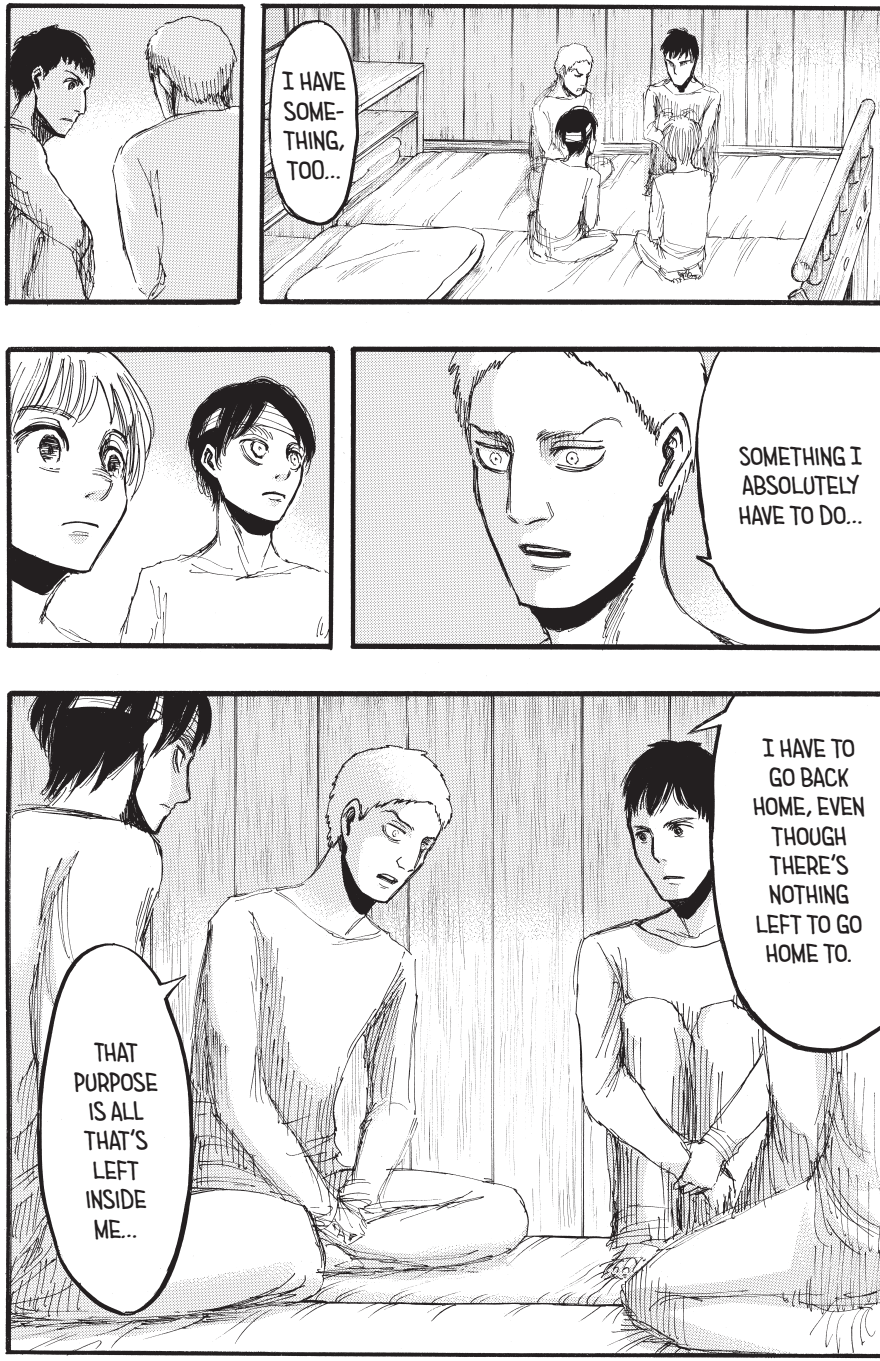

I'M ATHLETIC, SO I CHOSE TO BE A SOLDIER, THINKING I'D USE MY SKILL TO BECOME AN ELITE MP.
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, I MIGHT JUST CHUCK IT ALL...

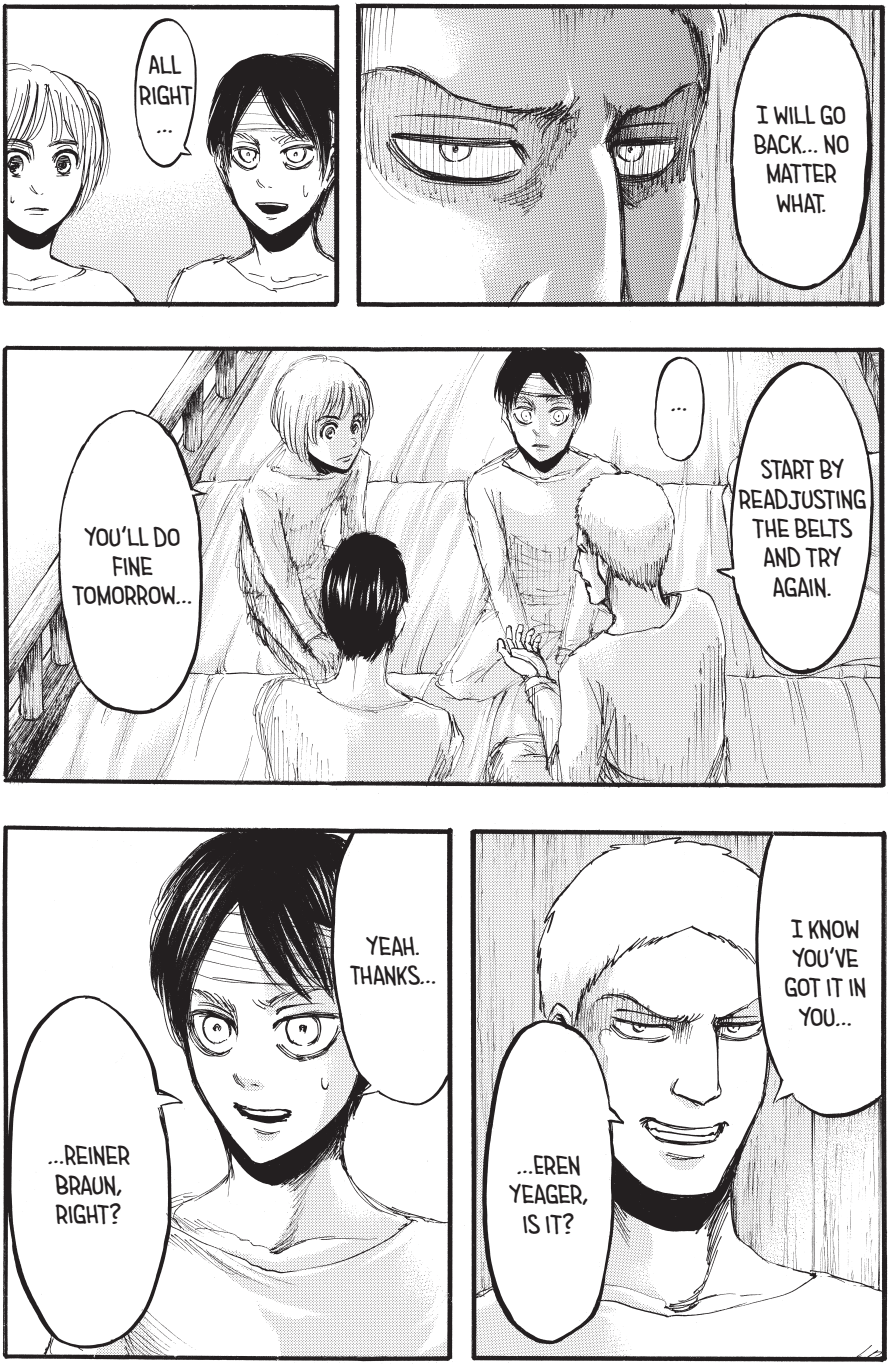

I'VE GOT...
...NO WILL OF MY OWN.

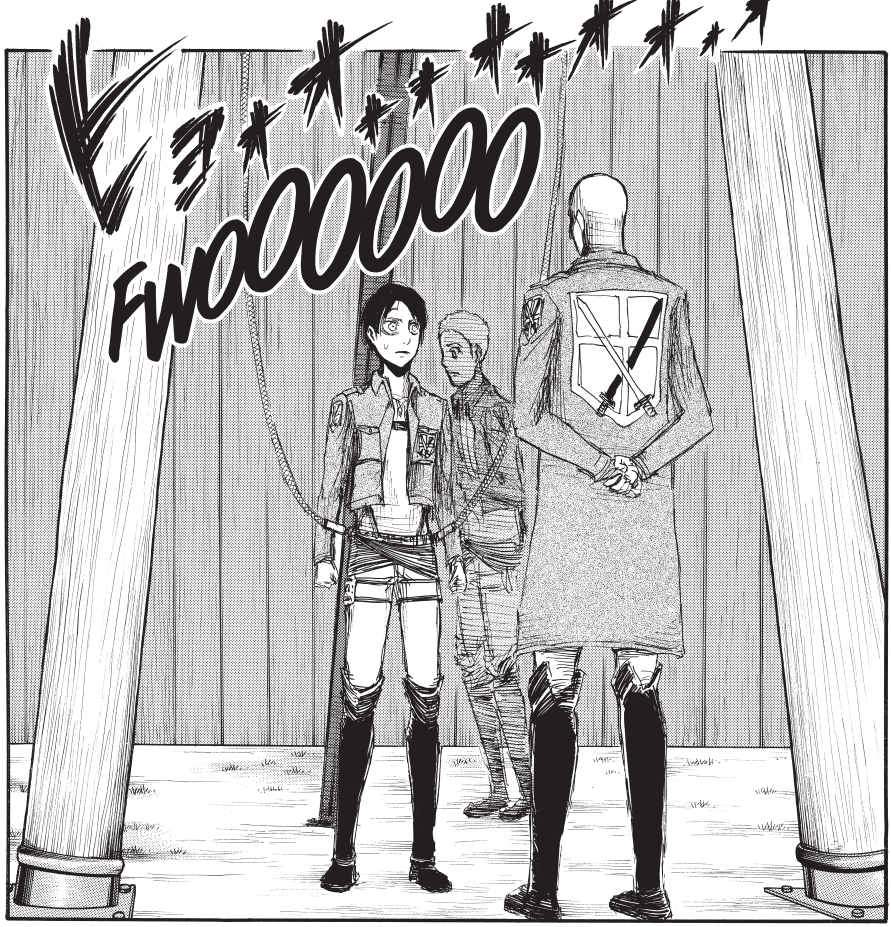

WELL, YOU DID GO THROUGH A LOT...
AND PROTECTING YOUR OWN LIFE IS ADMIRABLE, TOO.


I ENVY YOU... FOR HAVING SOMETHING THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN YOUR OWN LIFE...

I'VE BEEN SAYING I WANNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS SINCE BEFORE THE WALL CAME DOWN...
PEOPLE JUST THOUGHT I HAD A SCREW LOOSE.
SO I'M THE CRAZY ONE...
MM ...?
THEN ...
... EVEN AFTER ENCOUN-TERING THE TITANS ...
...YOU DIDN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND?
WELL... RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ACTUALLY BECOME A SOLDIER...
...IS MY NEED TO KILL THEM.
EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM...
AND I'M PLENTY TERRIFIED OF THEM. BUT WHAT'S STRONGER THAN THAT...
...


I HAVE SOME-THING, TOO...
SOMETHING I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO...
I HAVE TO GO BACK HOME, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO GO HOME TO.
THAT PURPOSE IS ALL THAT'S LEFT INSIDE ME...


ALL RIGHT...
I WILL GO BACK... NO MATTER WHAT.
YOU'LL DO FINE TOMORROW...
...
START BY READJUSTING THE BELTS AND TRY AGAIN.
YEAH. THANKS...
...REINER BRAUN, RIGHT?
I KNOW YOU'VE GOT IT IN YOU...
...EREN YEAGER, IS IT?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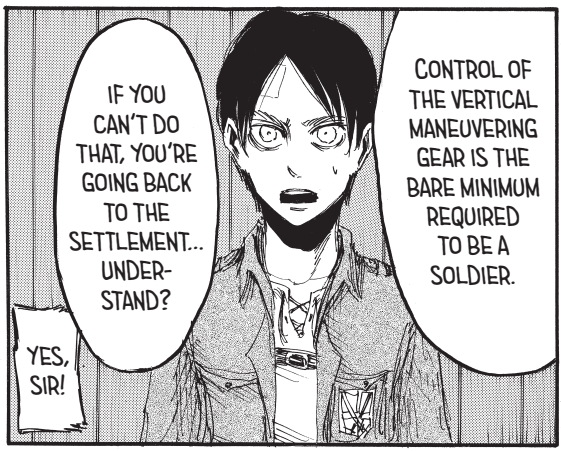
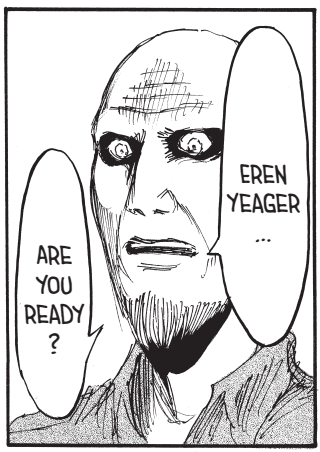
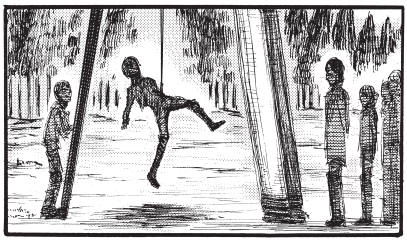
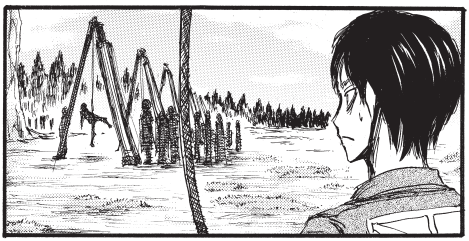
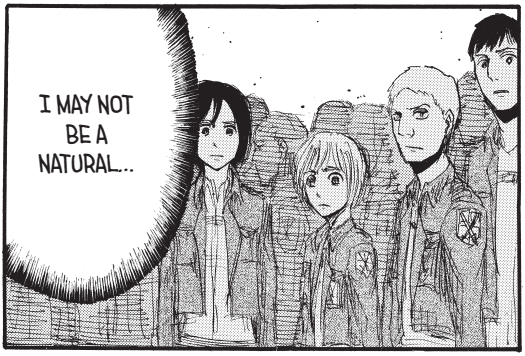
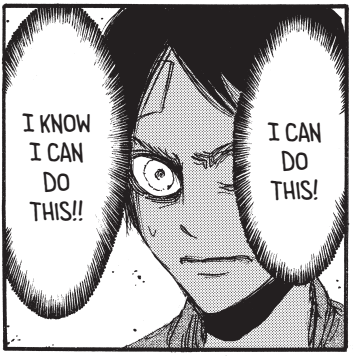

CONTROL OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR IS THE BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO BE A SOLDIER.
IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE SETTLEMENT... UNDER-STAND?
YES, SIR!

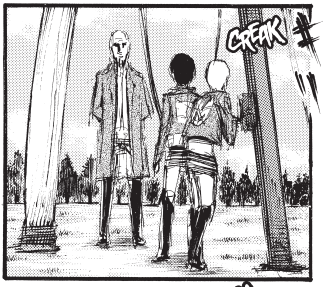

EREN YEAGER ...
ARE YOU READY?






I MAY NOT BE A NATURAL...

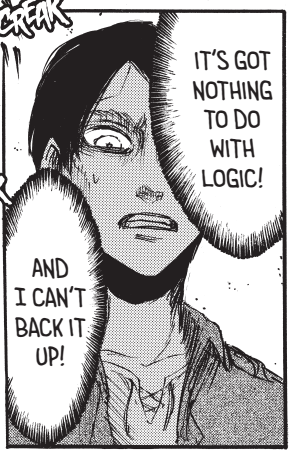

I KNOW I CAN DO THIS!!
I CAN DO THIS!


CREAK

BEGIN.

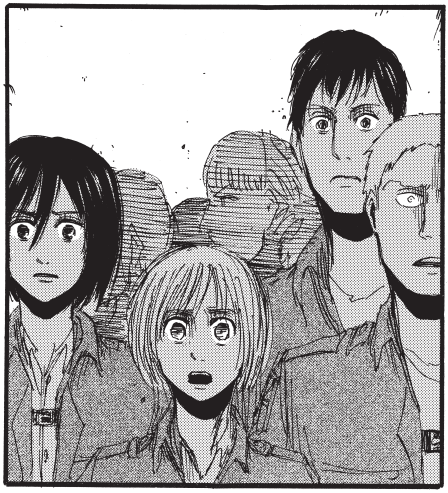
...BUT NO ONE BEATS ME WHEN IT COMES TO WILLPOWER!

BUT THAT'S ALL I HAVE!
CREAK
CREAK

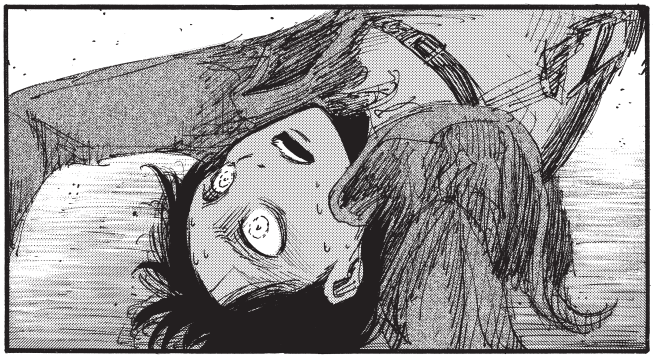

CREAK
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH LOGIC!
AND I CAN'T BACK IT UP!

THAT'S MY WEAPON!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

OOH!!
CREAK
CREAK
I'M DOING IT...
CREAK
I DID IT!!
CREAK
CREAK



ACK
!!
SPIN
CLANG
WHOA



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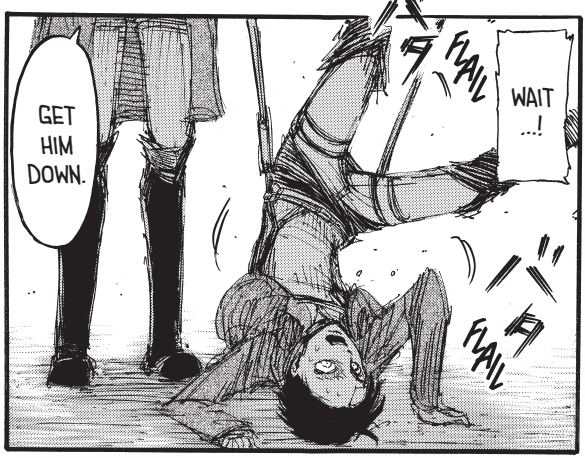
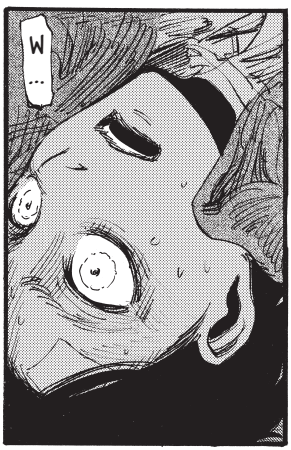

GET HIM DOWN.
WAIT ...!
FLAIL
FLAIL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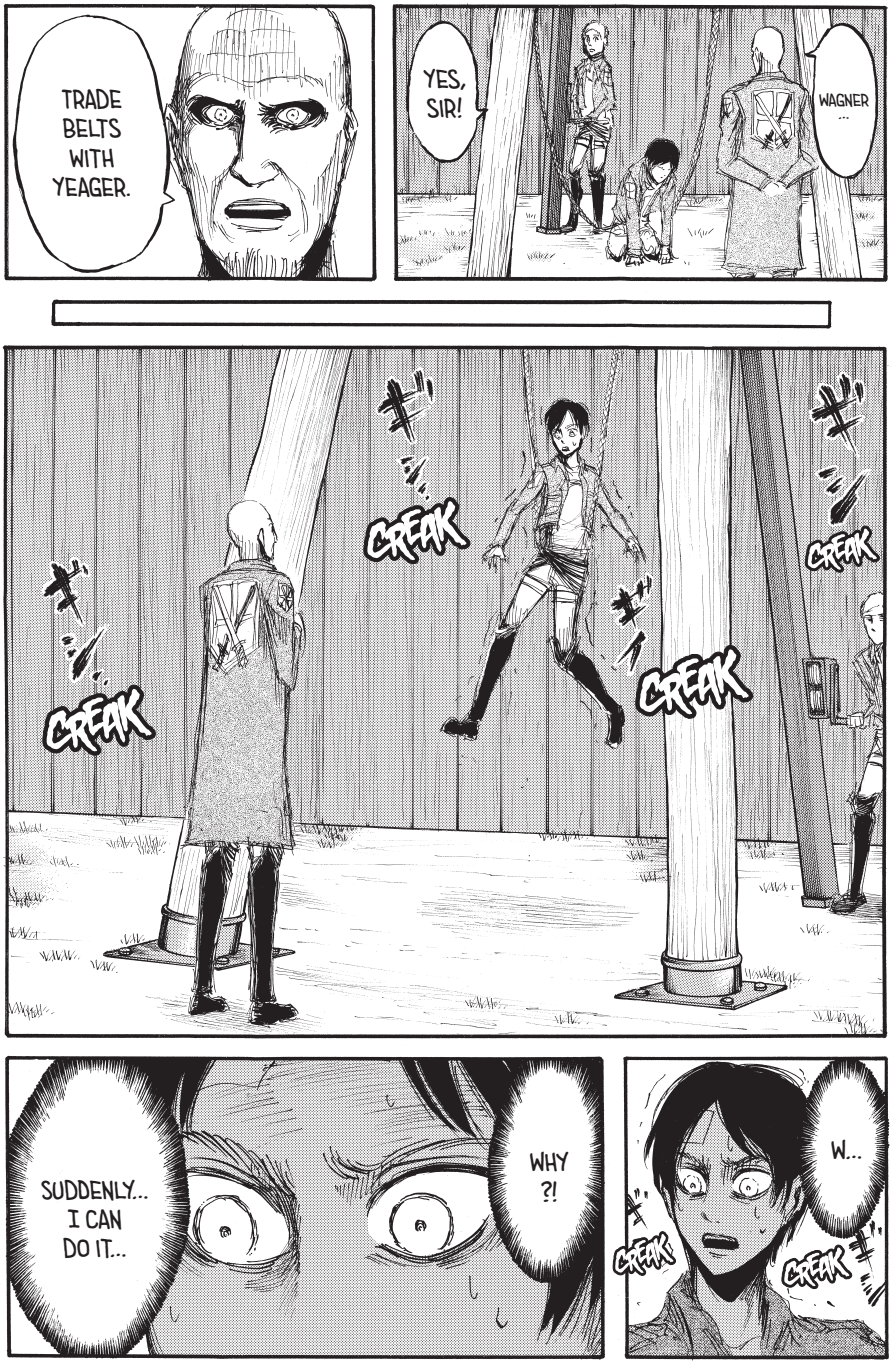
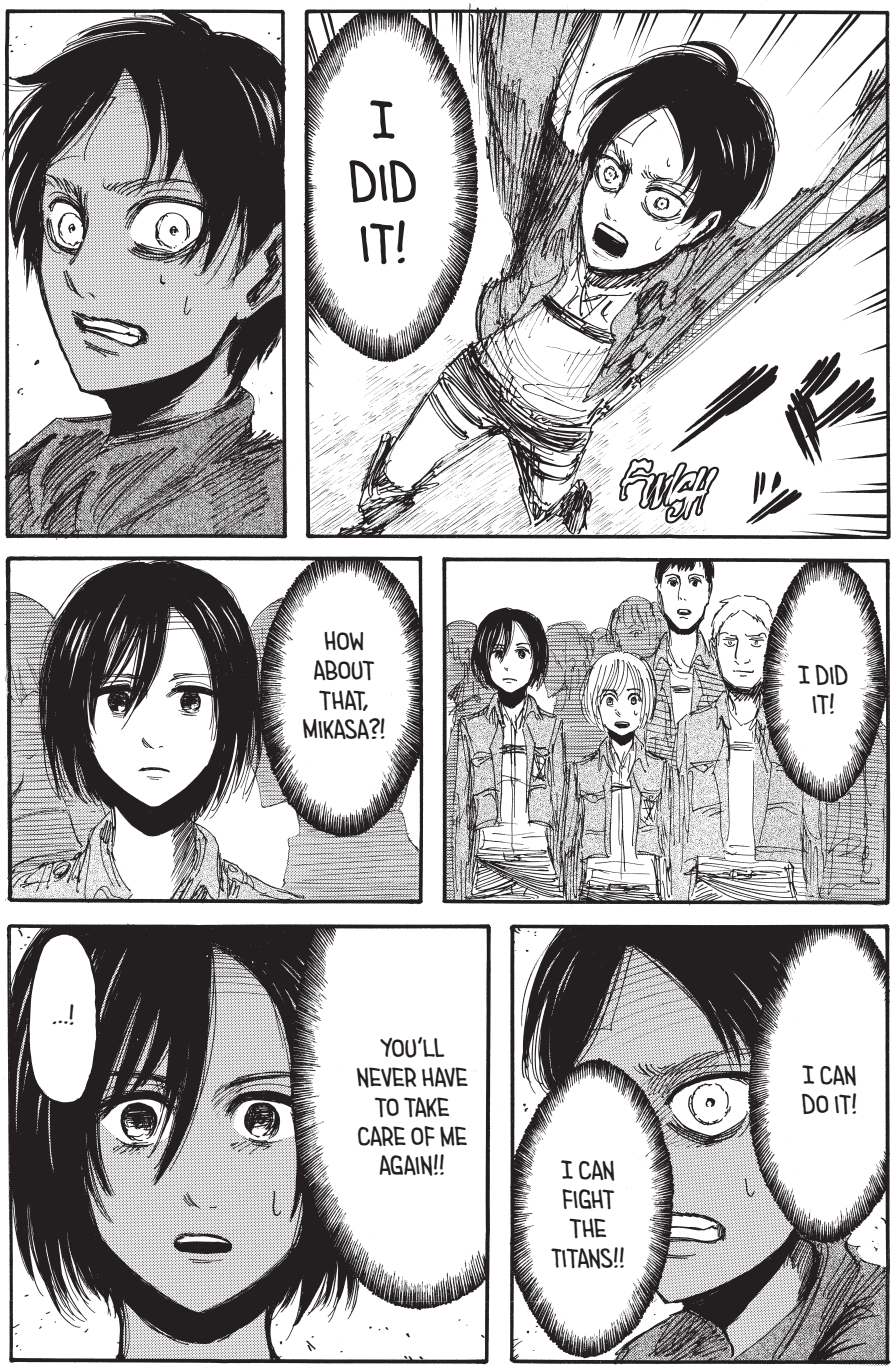
BRING HIM DOWN, NOW!
I CAN ...
FLAIL
FLAIL
N-NOT YET !!
FWOOOOO
I...


TRADE BELTS WITH YEAGER.
YES, SIR!
WAGNER ...
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
SUDDENLY... I CAN DO IT...
WHY ?!
W...
CREAK
CREAK

NORMALLY, YOU'RE SUSPENDED FROM THE WAIST, SO EVEN IF YOU FLIP OVER, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HIT YOUR HEAD ON THE GROUND.
THE METAL FITTING IN THE BELT YOU WERE USING WAS BROKEN.
DE-FECTIVE EQUIP-MENT.
CREAK
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
WHA ...?!
...BUT YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE MAINTENANCE DONE ON YOUR EQUIPMENT.
CREAK
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ONE OF THESE BREAKING BEFORE...
HUH?
CREAK
NO PROBLEM. ...KEEP PRACTICING.
...
TH-THEN ...
...MY APTI-TUDE SCORE ...

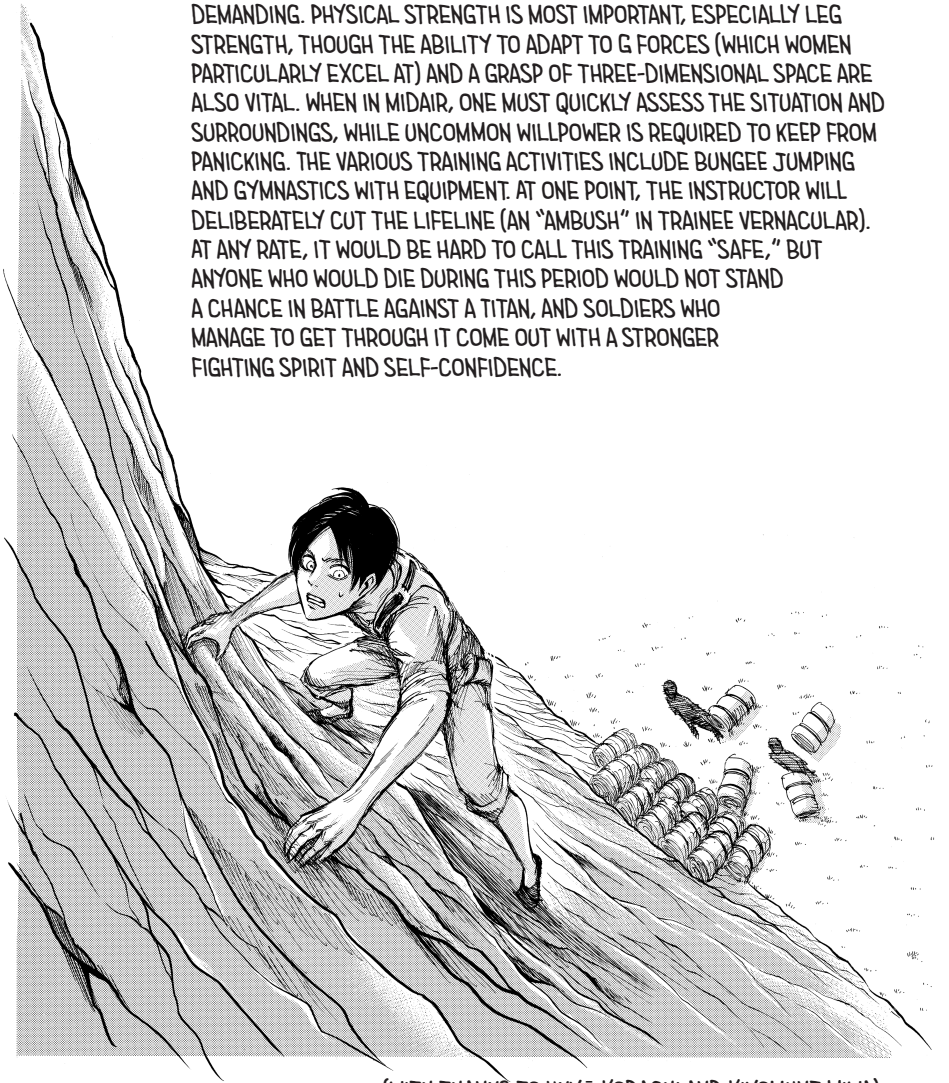

I DID IT!
FWISH
HOW ABOUT THAT, MIKASA?!
I DID IT!
...!
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ME AGAIN!!
I CAN FIGHT THE TITANS!!
I CAN DO IT!

HE'S RELIEVED, BECAUSE NOW HE WON'T HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM ME...
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING IT...
HIS EYES ARE SAYING, "WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THIS?!"
WRONG.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO EXCEL, ESPECIALLY...
AND YET...
GREAK
GREAK
...FOR A FEW MOMENTS THERE, HE MAINTAINED HIS BALANCE WITH THIS BROKEN EQUIPMENT.
COULD ANYONE ELSE HAVE DONE THAT...?
GRISHA... TODAY, YOUR SON...
...BECAME A SOLDIER.

Current Publicly Available Information

8. Vertical Maneuvering Equipment Training

HUMANS MOVE IN TWO DIMENSIONS, SO VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT TRAINING, IN WHICH THEY MUST ADAPT TO THREE DIMENSIONS, IS EXTREMELY DEMANDING. PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS MOST IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY LEG STRENGTH, THOUGH THE ABILITY TO ADAPT TO G FORCES (WHICH WOMEN PARTICULARLY EXCEL AT) AND A GRASP OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL SPACE ARE ALSO VITAL. WHEN IN MIDAIR, ONE MUST QUICKLY ASSESS THE SITUATION AND SURROUNDINGS, WHILE UNCOMMON WILLPOWER IS REQUIRED TO KEEP FROM PANICKING. THE VARIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUNGEE JUMPING AND GYMNASTICS WITH EQUIPMENT. AT ONE POINT, THE INSTRUCTOR WILL DELIBERATELY CUT THE LIFELINE (AN "AMBUSH" IN TRAINEE VERNACULAR). AT ANY RATE, IT WOULD BE HARD TO CALL THIS TRAINING "SAFE," BUT ANYONE WHO WOULD DIE DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD NOT STAND A CHANCE IN BATTLE AGAINST A TITAN, AND SOLDIERS WHO MANAGE TO GET THROUGH IT COME OUT WITH A STRONGER FIGHTING SPIRIT AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.



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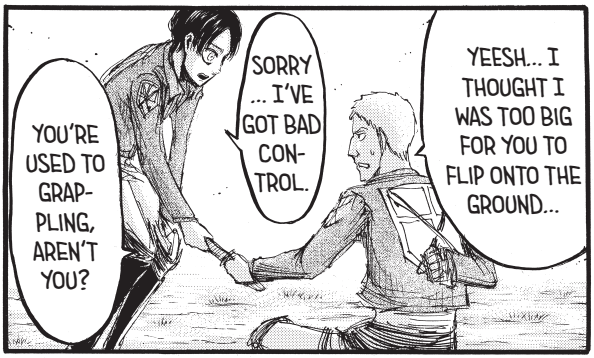
WHUMP

Two years after beginning training


YOU'RE USED TO GRAP-PLING, AREN'T YOU?
SORRY ... I'VE GOT BAD CON-TROL.
YEESH... I THOUGHT I WAS TOO BIG FOR YOU TO FLIP ONTO THE GROUND...

OW... C'MON, THIS TIME YOU BE THE BAD GUY.
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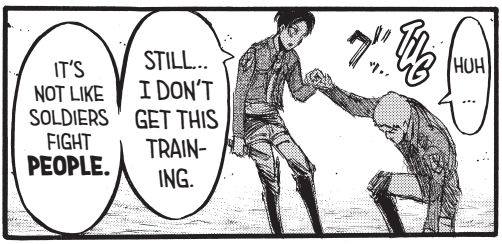
IT'S NOT LIKE SOLDIERS FIGHT **PEOPLE.**
STILL... I DON'T GET THIS TRAIN-ING.
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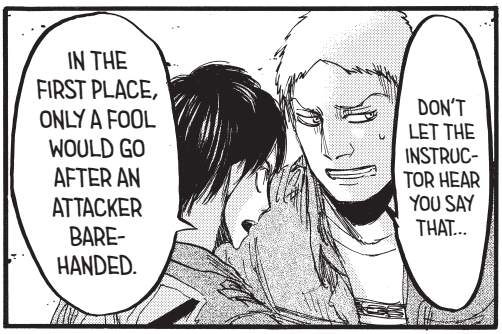
HUH ...

BACK WHEN I LIVED IN THE CITY, I PLAYED WITH THIS HUGE KID...

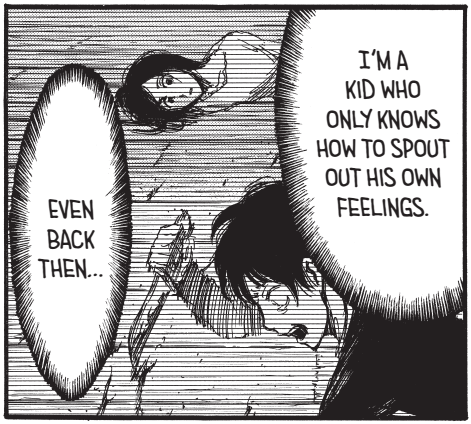

IN THE FIRST PLACE, ONLY A FOOL WOULD GO AFTER AN ATTACKER BARE-HANDED.
DON'T LET THE INSTRUC-TOR HEAR YOU SAY THAT...

AND THESE COMBAT SKILLS... EVEN IF THEY WORKED IN REAL LIFE, IT'D JUST BE SHEER LUCK.
WE DON'T LEARN ANYTHING USING A WOODEN KNIFE.
OF ALL THE IRRE-SPON-SIBLE ...
RUN AWAY, OF COURSE!
OKAY, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN THAT SITUA-TION?
...IT USUALLY DOESN'T END WELL.
THE TRUTH IS...

...
IT'S NOT CHILD'S PLAY.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.
BUT I STILL THINK IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE.
...
WE'RE SOLDIERS, AREN'T WE?
WHEN THE PEOPLE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ARE THREATENED, WE HAVE TO ENTER THE FRAY AND SHIELD THEM.
THERE ARE TIMES WE CAN'T RUN AWAY, NO MATTER HOW BAD THE ODDS ARE.

AS STRONG SOLDIERS.
...OUR RE-SPON-SIBIL-ITY...

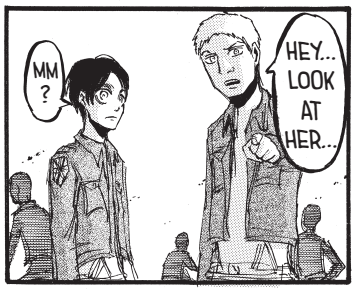
I THINK THAT'S ...
AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO OR WHAT THE ENEMY IS. WE NEED TO MASTER SKILLS AND GET STRONGER, WITH ARTILLERY AS WELL AS HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.


EVEN BACK THEN...
I'M A KID WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO SPOUT OUT HIS OWN FEELINGS.

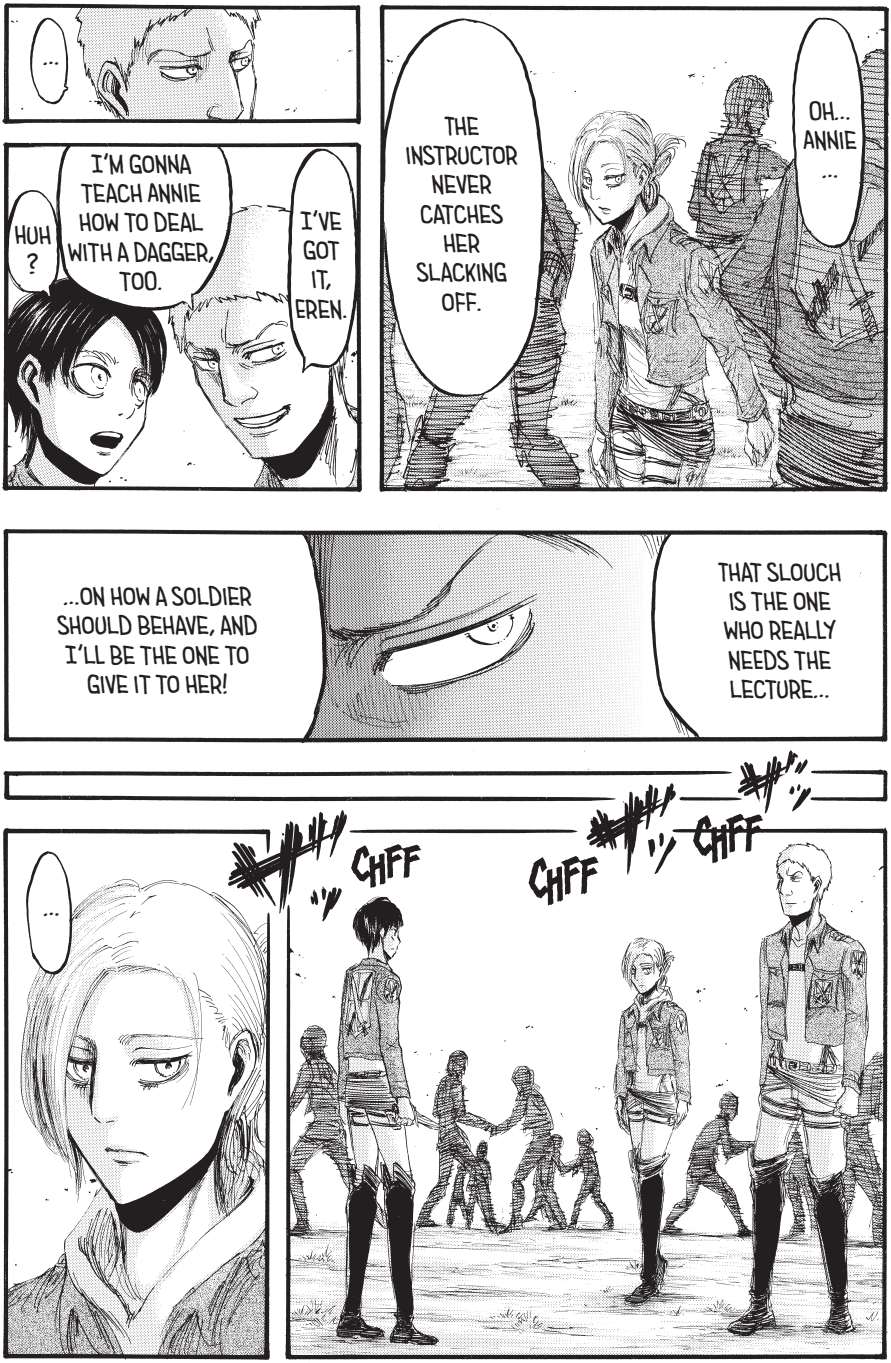
THE KID HERE ...
...IS ME.

...

MM?


MM ?
HEY... LOOK AT HER...

THE RESPONSI-BILITY THAT COMES WITH POWER... I'D NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
BACK TO TRAIN-ING!
SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO LECTURE YOU LIKE SOME KNOW-IT-ALL...


...
OH... ANNIE...
THE INSTRUCTOR NEVER CATCHES HER SLACKING OFF.
I'VE GOT IT, EREN.
I'M GONNA TEACH ANNIE HOW TO DEAL WITH A DAGGER, TOO.
HUH?
THAT SLOUCH IS THE ONE WHO REALLY NEEDS THE LECTURE...
...ON HOW A SOLDIER SHOULD BEHAVE, AND I'LL BE THE ONE TO GIVE IT TO HER!
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
...

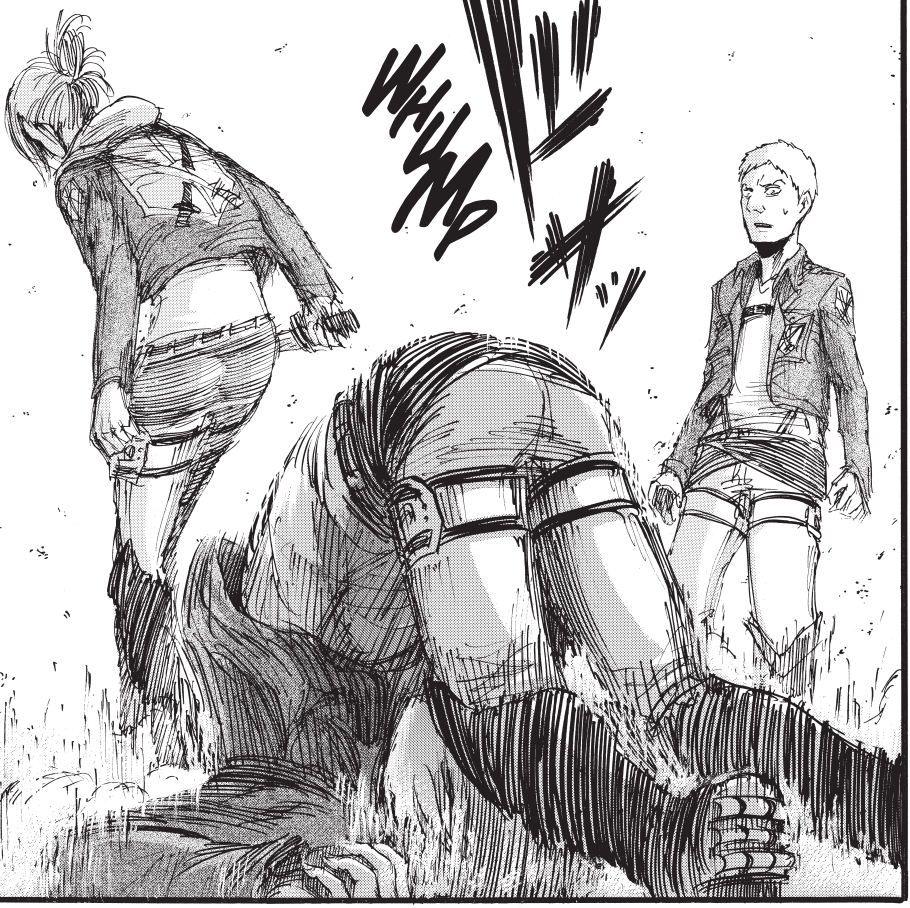
...I SUGGEST YOU RECALL THE FIRST DAY YOU ARRIVED, AND GET SERIOUS.
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET ANY SHORTER THAN YOU ALREADY ARE...
DO YOU LIKE THE INSTRUC-TOR'S HEAD-BUTTS?
ACK...!
...
GLANCE
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOU-
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO, EREN!
FWISH
SHE'S FURIOUS ...
SHE ALWAYS LOOKS TICKED OFF... BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO RIGHT NOW...

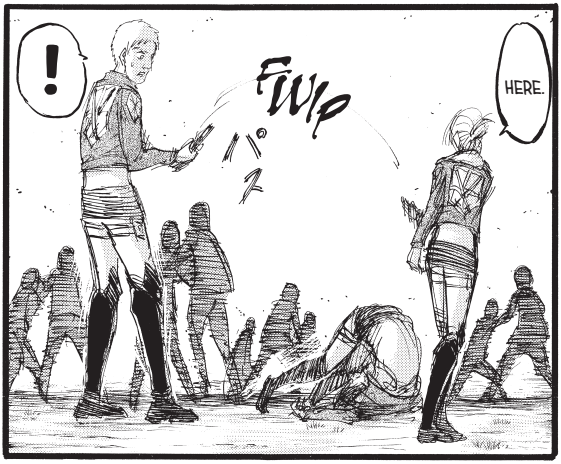
ANNIE ?
!
YOU REMEMBER HOW IT'S DONE?
WE'RE PRACTICING THE FORMAL WAY TO DEAL WITH AN EDGED WEAPON.
SHE
HERE I COME !
DASH
TAP
FWISH

KRAK
NH?!
!!
WOBBLE

NGAH...
QUIVER QUIVER
WHAT WAS THAT?!
THROB
YOU... KICKED MY LEG?
CAN I GO NOW?
OW...
NOT YET! WE TRAIN UNTIL YOU TAKE AWAY THE DAGGER FROM YOUR OPPONENT!
...HEY!! WAIT A SECOND!
...
WHOA...!!
ANNIE, WAIT!
WOBBLE
CHFF
THERE'S A WAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THIS!

MMGH !!
SHOVE
UNH !!
FWSH
KRAK
SPIN

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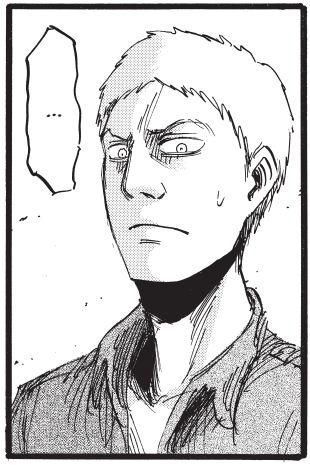
FWIP
パス
HERE.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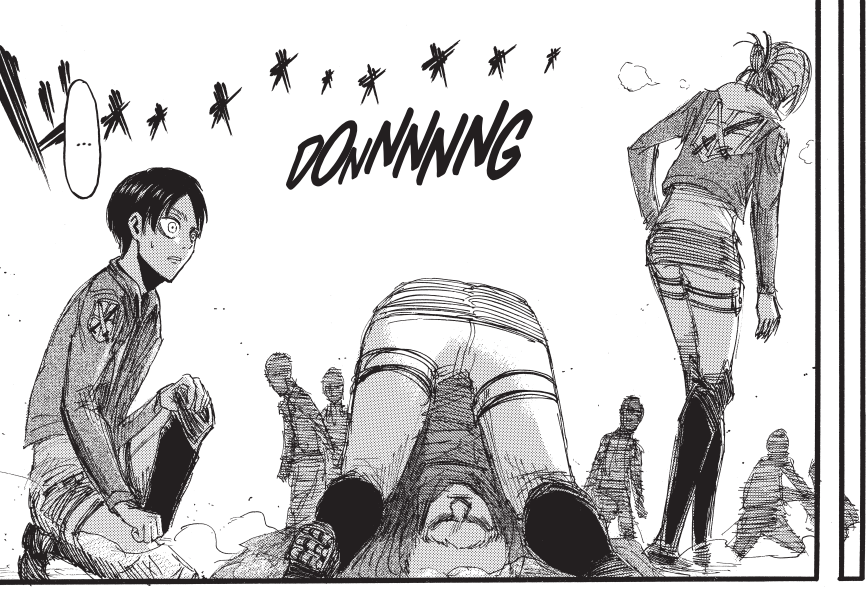
QUN
QUN
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO ATTACK ME.
QUN
CHFF
GET HER, REINER!
I'M ...
CHFF
N-NO ...
...
!!
YOU'RE GONNA TEACH HER THE RESPONSI-BILITY...
...OF BEING A SOLDIER, RIGHT?
YEAH... THERE ARE TIMES A SOLDIER CAN NEVER BACK DOWN.
THIS IS ONE OF 'EM.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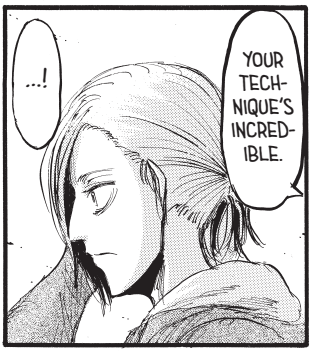
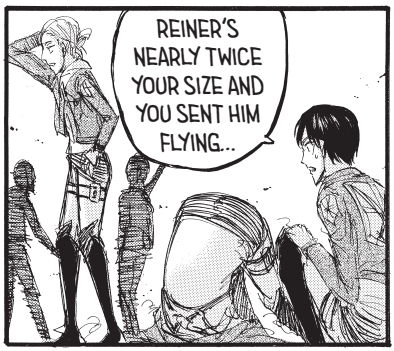
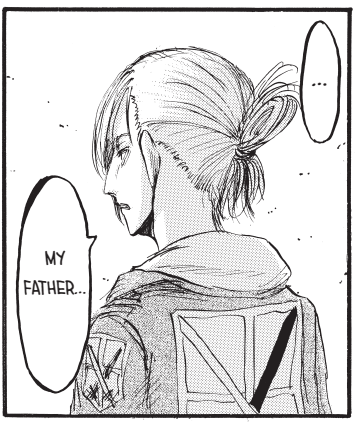
DONNNNG


...!
YOUR TECH-NIQUE'S INCRED-IBLE.

...


REINER'S NEARLY TWICE YOUR SIZE AND YOU SENT HIM FLYING...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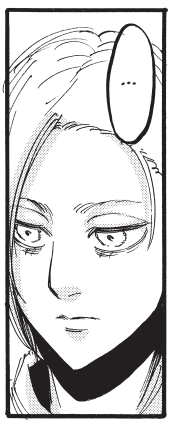
MY FATHER...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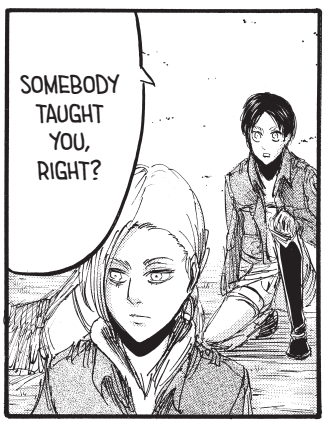
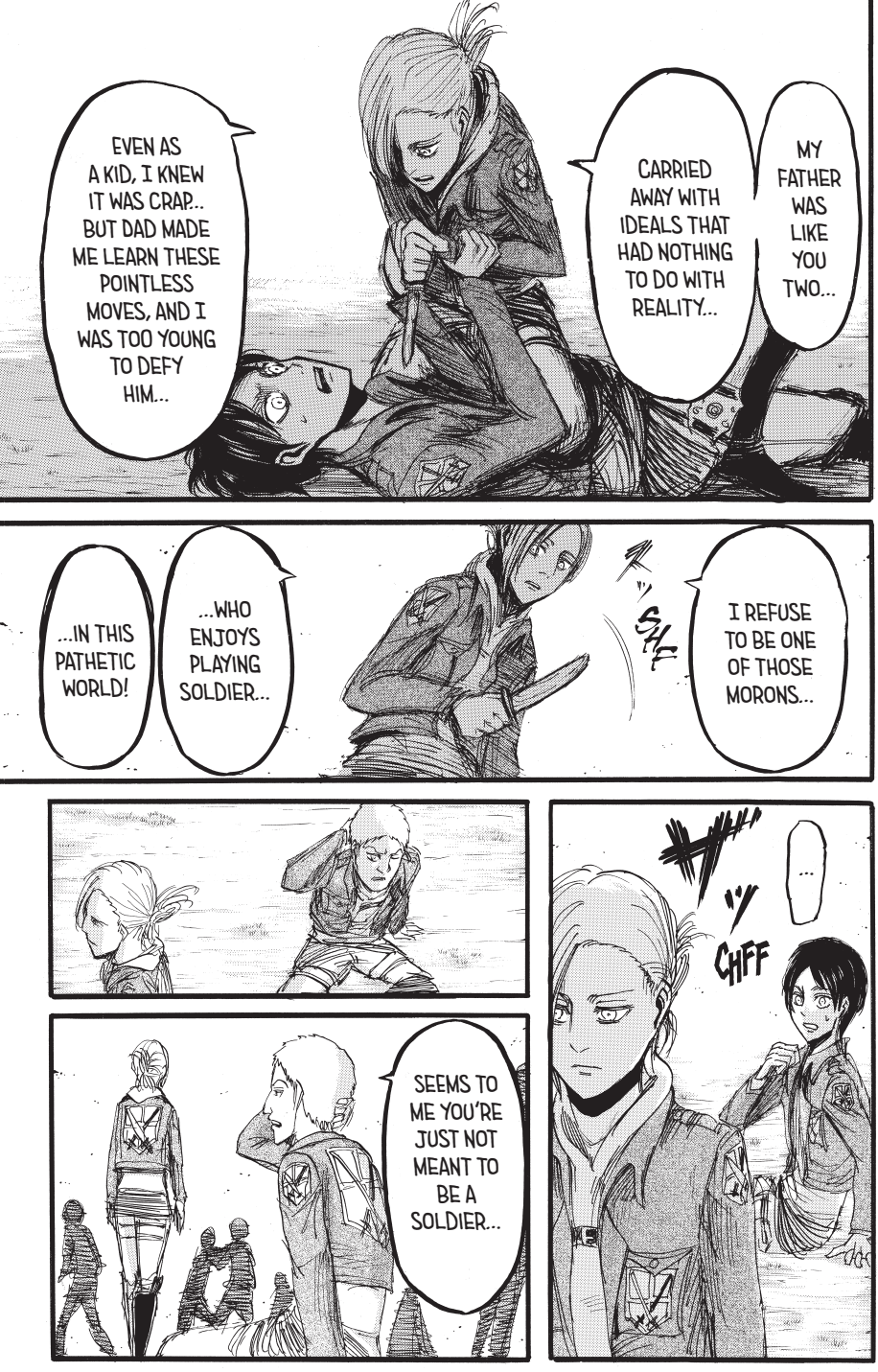

SOMEBODY TAUGHT YOU, RIGHT?

HUH?
NONE OF IT HAS ANY MEANING.
...
IT DOESN'T MATTER...
DID HE COME UP WITH THOSE MOVES?
NOD
コクッ
YOU MEAN THIS TRAINING? IT'S MEANING-LESS...?
...
LOOK AT HOW THE PASSIONATE APPLICANTS FOR INTERIOR DUTY, INCLUDING ME, TREAT IT...
THIS ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT DOESN'T COUNT FOR ANY POINTS.

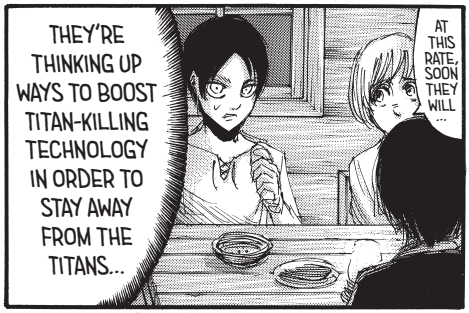
...OR ACT LIKE IDIOTS.
THE OTHERS EITHER TAKE IT REAL SERIOUSLY, LIKE YOU GUYS...
THEY USE THIS TIME TO UNWIND AFTER THE ROUGH TRAINING EARLIER...
FWISH
UH-OH! THE INSTRUC-TOR!
FWISH
AH ...
!!
GRAB
ANYWAY... VERTICAL MANEUVERING SKILLS ARE WORTH A LOT OF POINTS, SO THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT.
SEE, I'M NOT AIMING TO BE A GREAT SOLDIER. I JUST WANT THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE INTERIOR.

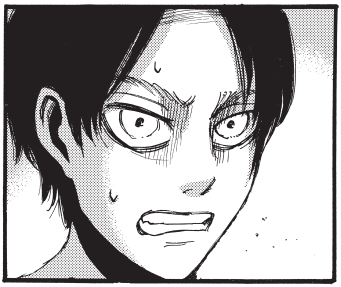
HOW D'YOU THINK IT GOT TO BE SUCH A FARCE?
WHY IS IT THAT IN THIS WORLD THE PEOPLE WITH THE BEST ABILITY TO OPPOSE THE TITANS GET THE PRIVILEGE OF STAYING FAR AWAY FROM THEM?
!
SHF
GOOD QUESTION!
!
YANK
MM ...
TREMBLE
UNH ...!
PERHAPS IT'S HUMAN NATURE...?
WHUMP
FWISH
WHOA!

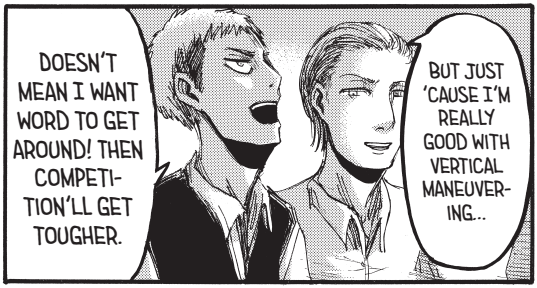

MY FATHER WAS LIKE YOU TWO...
CARRIED AWAY WITH IDEALS THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH REALITY...
EVEN AS A KID, I KNEW IT WAS CRAP... BUT DAD MADE ME LEARN THESE POINTLESS MOVES, AND I WAS TOO YOUNG TO DEFY HIM...
I REFUSE TO BE ONE OF THOSE MORONS...
SHL
...WHO ENJOYS PLAYING SOLDIER...
...IN THIS PATHETIC WORLD!
...
CHFF
SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE JUST NOT MEANT TO BE A SOLDIER...

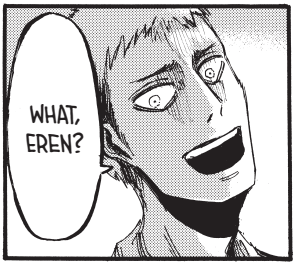
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
AT TIMES LIKE THAT YOU SHOULD REV IT UP, JUST FOR A SECOND.
THAT WAY YOU USE THE INERTIA AND DON'T CONSUME AS MUCH FUEL.
...
OF COURSE, THAT KIND OF MOVE CAN'T BE PULLED OFF BY JUST ANYONE...
EREN'S RIGHT. BEFORE THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, VERTICAL MANEUVERING TECHNIQUES WERE ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE RELATIVELY FEW SOLDIERS IN THE SURVEY CORPS...
...SO NO INNOVATIONS WERE MADE AND THE PRACTICE WENT INTO DECLINE.
TO KEEP THE TECHNIQUES FROM DYING OUT, THEY HAD TO RAISE THEIR VALUE BY PROMISING PEOPLE A LIFE IN THE INTERIOR. BUT THEY'VE KEPT THAT UP EVEN AFTER WE LOST A WALL, SO NOW EVERYONE'S TRYING TO GET IN...

IT REALLY IS A FARCE...
EREN, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?


THEY'RE THINKING UP WAYS TO BOOST TITAN-KILLING TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO STAY AWAY FROM THE TITANS...
AT THIS RATE, SOON THEY WILL ...




DOESN'T MEAN I WANT WORD TO GET AROUND! THEN COMPETI-TION'LL GET TOUGHER.
BUT JUST 'CAUSE I'M REALLY GOOD WITH VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...


WHAT, EREN?

JEAN ...
HEY ...

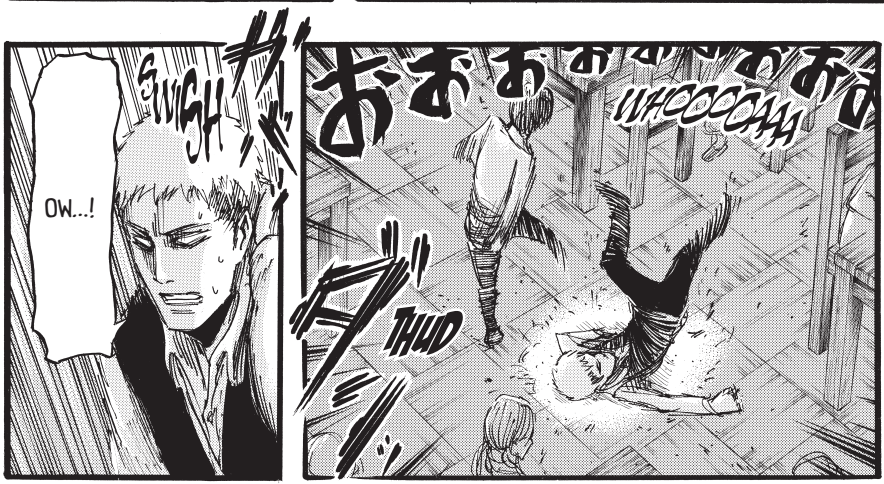
THIS PLAN TO IMPROVE TITAN-KILLING TECHNIQUES BY PROMISING A LIFE FAR AWAY FROM THE TITANS ...
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CRAZY?
DAMN IT...

AFTER ALL, THEY KEEP THIS STUPID PLAN AROUND FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME.
BUT THAT'S REALITY, SO ALL I CAN DO IS GO WITH THE FLOW.
WELL... YOU MAY HAVE A POINT...
...
WHAT, JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT?!
YOU SON OF A BITCH!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHY DON'T THEY GIVE IT A REST...
NOT AGAIN!
THERE THEY GO AGAIN!
BUZZ

WELL, DON'T COMPLAIN TO ME...
I MEAN ...
CHFF
LOOK !!
TELL ME HOW TO BEAT THE TITANS...
WHEN EVERYONE WITH ANY POTENTIAL SHUTS THEMSELVES UP IN THE INTERIOR!!
RATTLE
HUH ?!?
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU...!!
GRAB

...MY CLOTHES ARE GONNA RIP!!
YOU GRAB ME LIKE THAT...
...ASS-HOLE.
QUIVER
QUIVER
!
IF YOU DON'T BACK OFF...
QUIVER
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
I ENVY YOU!
WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES?!
HE WAS...
...I SEE...

...JUST VENTING HIS FEELINGS.
LIKE I DID BEFORE...
BUT I'M DIFFERENT NOW...
I'M...
QUIVER
...A SOLDIER!
QUIVER
WHAP
THAK


SWISH
OW...!
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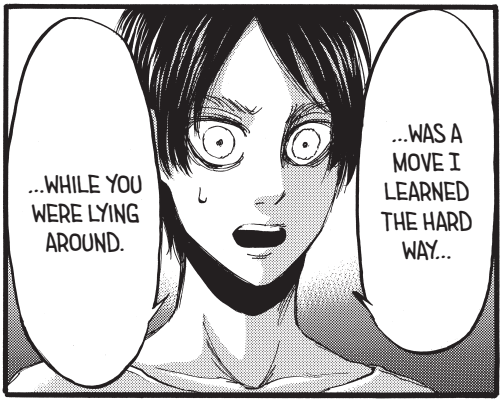
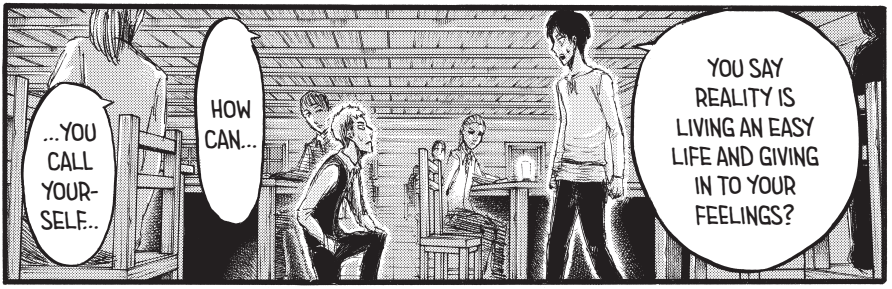
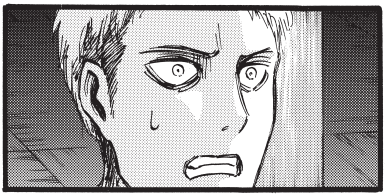
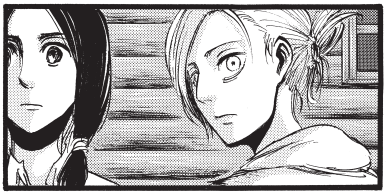
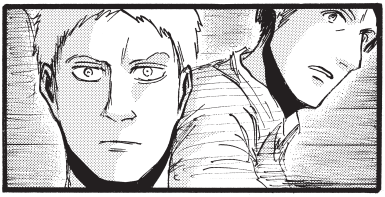

...WHILE YOU WERE LYING AROUND.
...WAS A MOVE I LEARNED THE HARD WAY...

FWISH
JACKASS!! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
THAT...


...YOU CALL YOUR-SELF...
HOW CAN...
YOU SAY REALITY IS LIVING AN EASY LIFE AND GIVING IN TO YOUR FEELINGS?







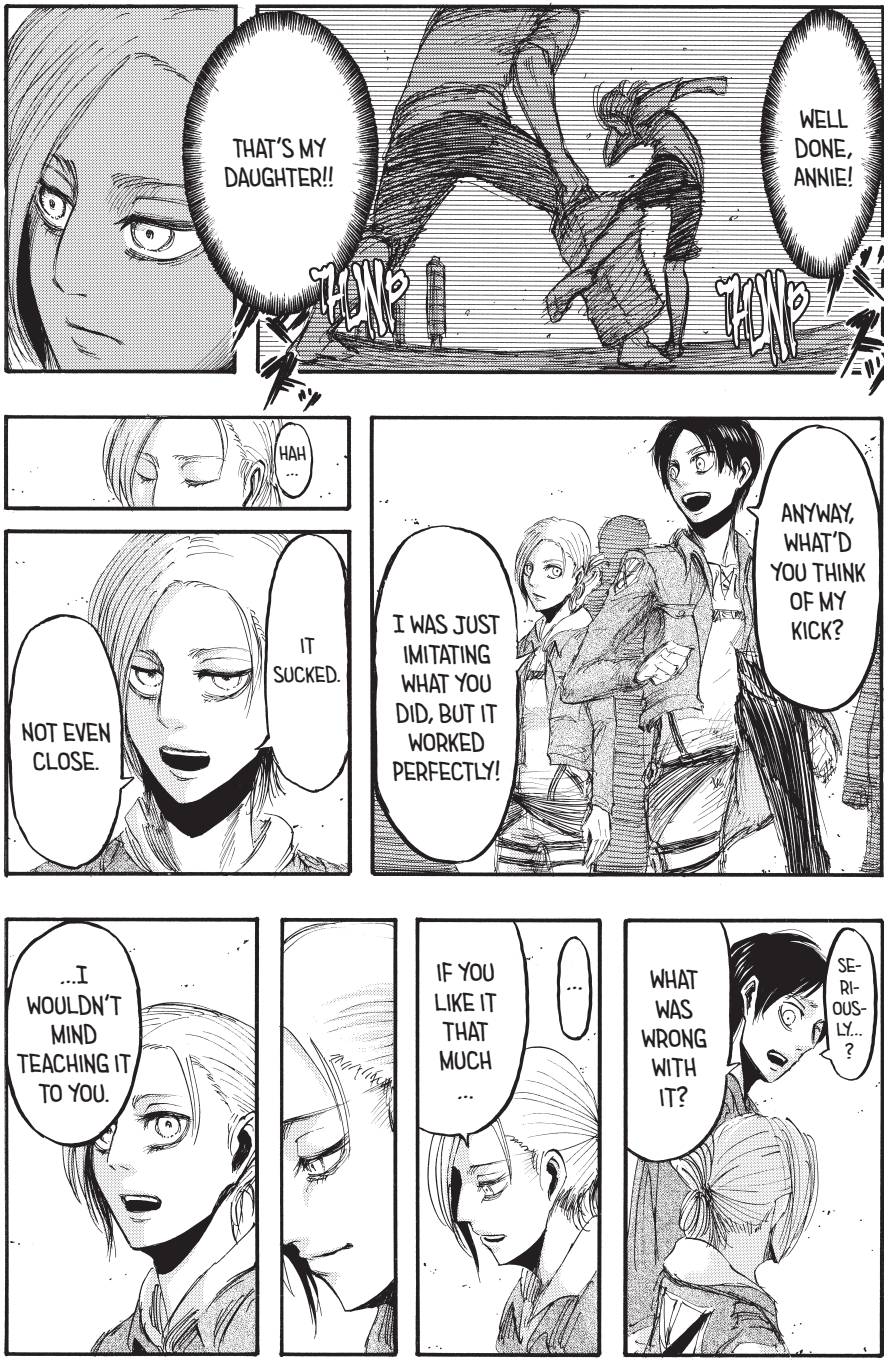
...A SOLDIER?

KA-CHK
!!
?!
WHAT'D YOU SAY ABOUT BEING A SOL-DIER?
TREMBLE TREMBLE
CAN ANYONE GIVE ME AN EXPLANATION...?
I JUST HEARD A LOUD NOISE IN HERE...
CREAK
SHF
TAK
TAK

HUH ?!
IT WAS SASHA LETTING OUT A HUGE FART.
CREAK
LEARN SOME SELF-CONTROL.
!!
YOU AGAIN, EH...?
THAT WAS CLOSE, JEAN.
...
...IT'S NOT OVER BETWEEN US.
THE TROUBLE IS...
...OVER A STUPID FIGHT!
YOU ALMOST LOST YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME AN MP..

I HAVE AN IDEA.
BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE CARE OF THIS HERE...
I'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE READY.
WE HAVE TIME TO SCUFFLE OUT IN THE OPEN, DON'T WE?

HEY, ANNIE ...
...
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S WORKING HARD TO BECOME A GREAT SOLDIER.
HE'S DOING IT SO HE CAN PAY YOU BACK.
DOES IT LOOK TO YOU LIKE JEAN IS SLACKING OFF?
...NO, NOT REALLY...
...HE *IS* SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING THE MOVES.
OH, I'M SURE ...
BUT ...


THAT'S MY DAUGHTER!!
WELL DONE, ANNIE!
THUMP
THUMP
HAH...
ANYWAY, WHAT'D YOU THINK OF MY KICK?
I WAS JUST IMITATING WHAT YOU DID, BUT IT WORKED PERFECTLY!
IT SUCKED.
NOT EVEN CLOSE.
SE-RI-OUS-LY...?
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT?
...
IF YOU LIKE IT THAT MUCH ...
...I WOULDN'T MIND TEACHING IT TO YOU.

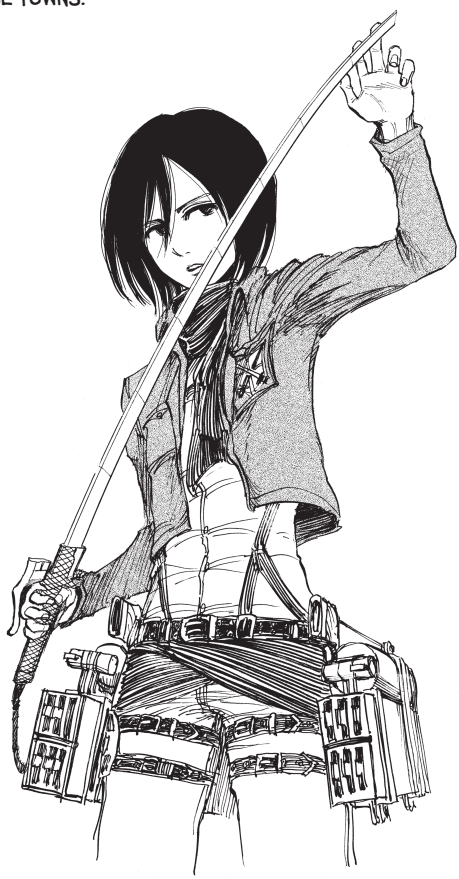
FHOOOO
OOOOOOO
HUH? NO THANKS!
IT REALLY HURTS...
OH PLEASE, I INSIST.
WHACK

Current Publicly Available Information

9. Ultrahard Steel

THIS STEEL IS ONLY PRODUCED AT FACTORY TOWNS. IT COMBINES TOUGHNESS AND FLEXIBILITY TO SLICE THROUGH TITAN FLESH, AND IT'S CURRENTLY THE ONLY MATERIAL CAPABLE OF THAT. AS SUCH, THE SINGLE-EDGED SWORD, A SPECIALLY CREASED FORGED BLADE, IS KNOWN FAR AND WIDE AS AN ANTI-TITAN WEAPON. BLAST FURNACES ARE ESSENTIAL TO REFINE "ULTRAHARD STEEL," WHICH IS WHY IT CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED IN FACTORY TOWNS. THE FORGING PROCESS REQUIRES VERY SMALL QUANTITIES OF SEVERAL RARE METALS, BUT EXACTLY WHICH ONES AND IN WHAT RATIOS HAVE BECOME SECRETS KNOWN ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF THOSE TOWNS.

(WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)

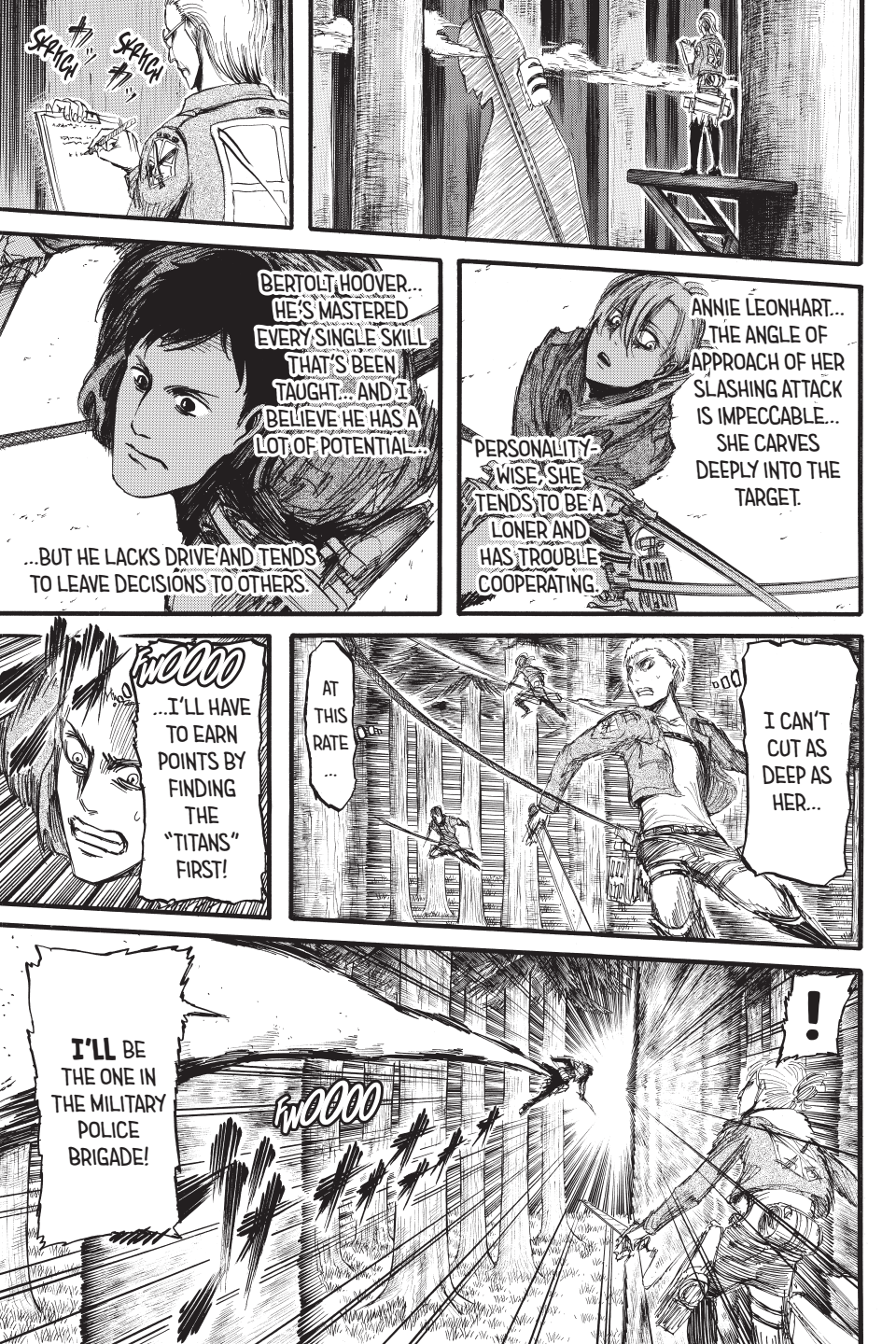


FSSSSSHHH
Episode 18: What Should I Do Now?
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
WHAT'S WRONG, ARLERT?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BEHIND!
IS IT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU?!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE ONLY ONE NOT CARRYING A PACK?!
FSSSSSHHH
DAMN...
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

GIVE ME THAT, ARMIN!
REINER...
HOIST
TA TA
TA
SH...
SHIT...
HA...
AT LEAST UNTIL I CHANGE MY MIND!
MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET CAUGHT...!
...THEN YOU'LL FAIL, TOO!
B-BUT IF YOU HELP ME...
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL FAIL!
REINER BRAUN... HE'S STRONG AS AN OX AND HAS THE WILL TO MATCH.
BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, HE'S EARNED THE TRUST OF HIS COMRADES.
...
FSSSSSHH

WHA ...?! HEY!
DASH!
EVEN IF I DIE TRY-ING!
I WON'T BE A BURDEN!
...
FSSSH
TA TA TA TA
ARMIN ARLERT... WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL STRENGTH, HE DOESN'T MEASURE UP TO SOLDIER STANDARDS.
BUT I HEAR THAT IN THE CLASSROOM LECTURES, HE'S SHOWN EXTRA-ORDINARY IMAGINATION.
TA TA TA TA
IF HE ACQUIRED A SENSE OF DIRECTION...
OR PERHAPS...
GRRRMM

GRRRMM
SHIT!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
SLASH
SLASH
ANNIE AND BERTOLT GOT IT AGAIN...


SKRICH
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BERTOLT HOOVER... HE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE SKILL THAT'S BEEN TAUGHT... AND I BELIEVE HE HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL...
...BUT HE LACKS DRIVE AND TENDS TO LEAVE DECISIONS TO OTHERS.
ANNIE LEONHART... THE ANGLE OF APPROACH OF HER SLASHING ATTACK IS IMPECCABLE... SHE CARVES DEEPLY INTO THE TARGET.
PERSONALITY-WISE, SHE TENDS TO BE A LONER AND HAS TROUBLE COOPERATING.
FWOOO
...I'LL HAVE TO EARN POINTS BY FINDING THE "TITANS" FIRST!
AT THIS RATE ...
I CAN'T CUT AS DEEP AS HER...
I'LL BE THE ONE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE!
FWOOOO
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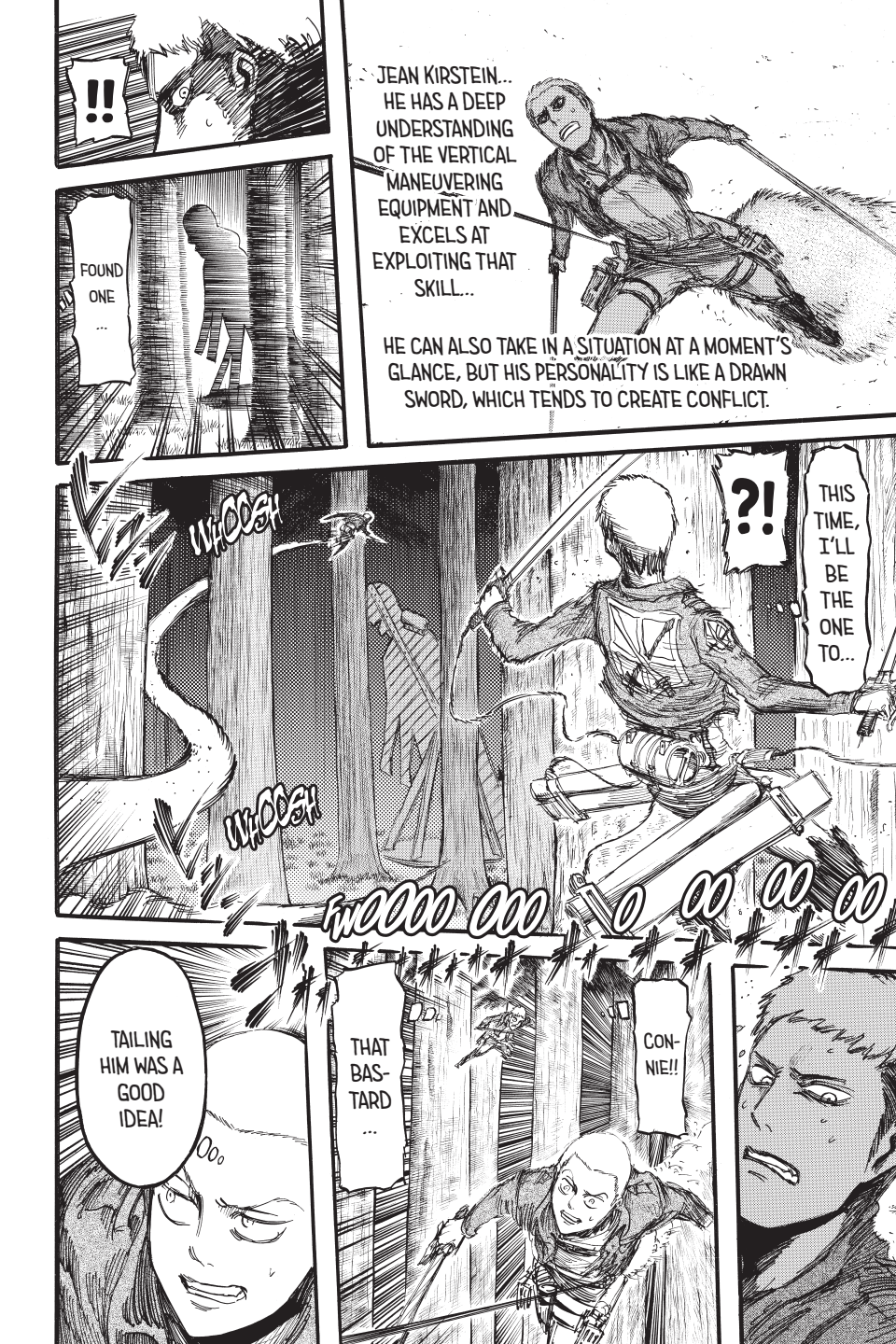
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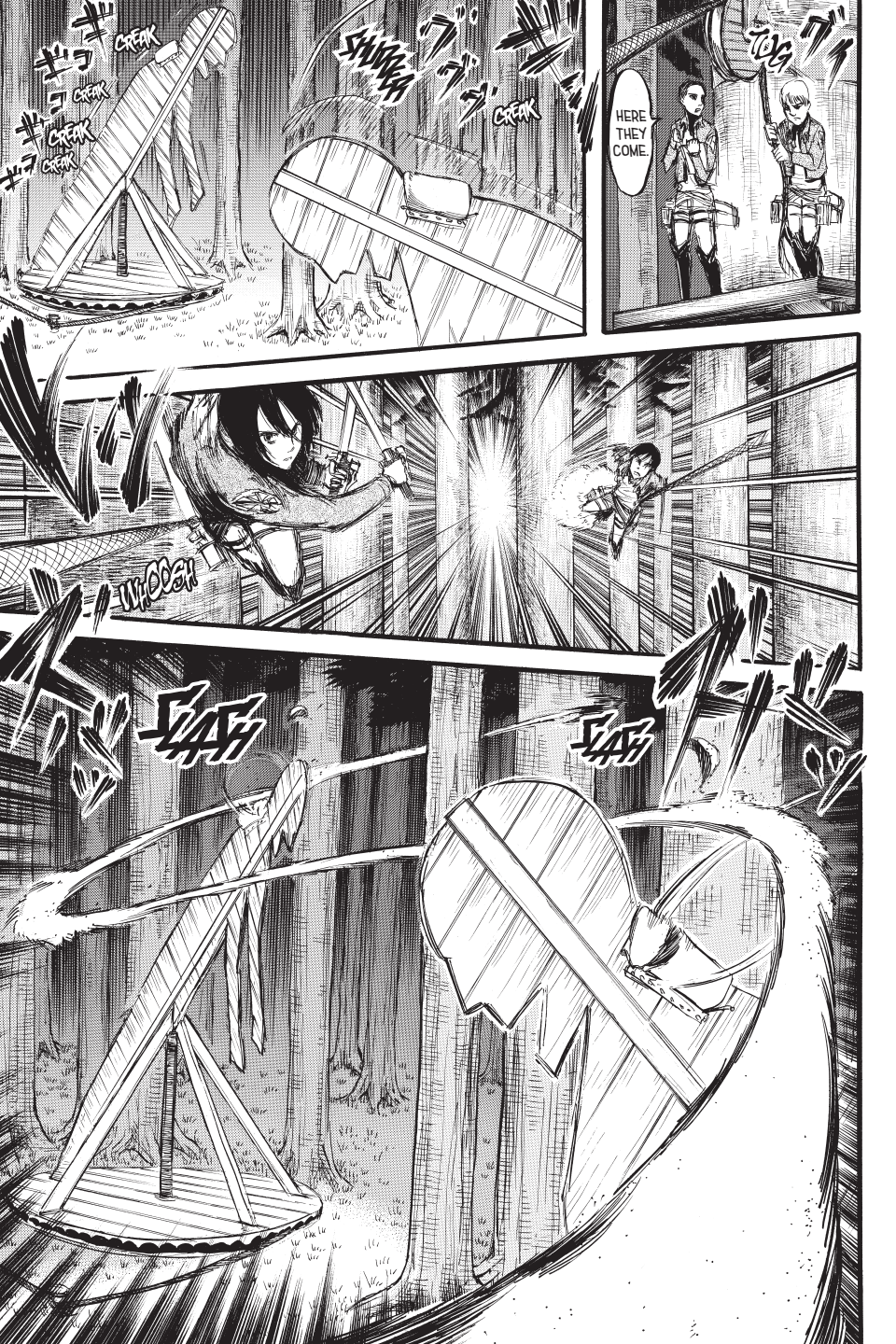
FOUND ONE ...
JEAN KIRSTEIN... HE HAS A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT AND EXCELS AT EXPLOITING THAT SKILL...
HE CAN ALSO TAKE IN A SITUATION AT A MOMENT'S GLANCE, BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS LIKE A DRAWN SWORD, WHICH TENDS TO CREATE CONFLICT.
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
?!
THIS TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE TO...
FWOOO

CONNIE SPRINGER... HE HAS A FINE SENSE OF BALANCE AND IS EFFECTIVE AT VERTICAL MANEUVERING.
HOWEVER, HE'S GOT A SLOW MIND AND OFTEN MAKES STRATEGIC MISTAKES.
THAK
THANKS, JEAN!
THAK
?!
SLASH
WHA ...?!
SASHA !!
GOT IT!!
WOOSH
WOOSH

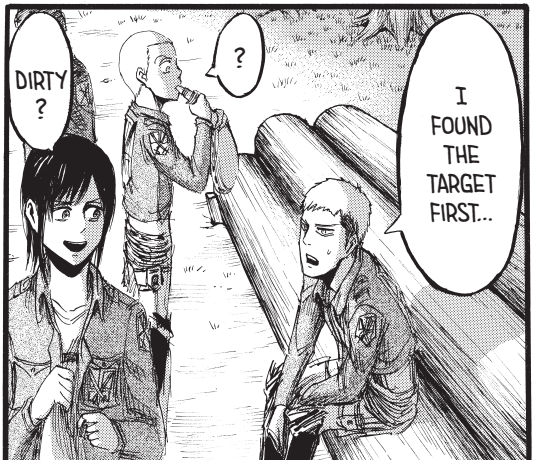
SASHA BLOUSE... SHE MOVES QUICKLY AND HAS REMARKABLE INSTINCTS...
...BUT SHE HAS ISSUES WITH STRUCTURE, MAKING HER ILL-SUITED FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY.
FOLLOWING YOU FROM ABOVE PAID OFF, CONNIE!
WHAT THE HELL?!
YEAH, SASHA! QUIT FOLLOW-ING US!
DAMN IT! QUIT FOLLOWING ME!
FWOOOOOO


CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
HERE THEY COME.
SLASH
SLASH

MIKASA ACKERMAN... SHE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE DIFFICULT SUBJECT PERFECTLY.
HER TALENT IS HISTORICALLY UNPRECEDENTED, MAKING HER THE MOST VALUABLE OF THEM ALL.
EREN YEAGER... THOUGH PROFICIENT AT BAREHANDED FIGHTING, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY OTHER SKILLS...
...BUT HE POSSESSES A SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT'S TWICE AS STRONG AS ANYONE ELSE'S. THROUGH CONSTANT EFFORT, HIS GRADES HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED.
THAK
STAB
UNF!

CRAP...
FWOOOO OOO OO OO
THAT WAS DIRTY, YOU JERKS.

I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR A WHINER, JEAN.
IS THERE A RULE AGAINST STEALING SOMEBODY ELSE'S PREY?


I FOUND THE TARGET FIRST...
?
DIRTY?

OH, WELL... AT LEAST NOBODY GOT HURT DURING THE TEST.
PFFT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HUNTING THEIR WHOLE LIVES!
YEAH! IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR LETTING US GET TO IT!
EVEN WHEN YOU FOUND THE TARGET FIRST, IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE YOU LET OTHER PEOPLE SCORE THE POINTS...
HEY, MARCO?
...
MMM...
DON'T YOU WANT POINTS?
YOU WANNA GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, RIGHT?
...BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT ACTUAL FIGHTING.
I THINK COMPETITION IS NECESSARY IN THE GROUP TO RAISE OUR SKILL LEVELS...

...EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...
AND EVEN THOUGH I'VE WANTED TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S POINTLESS IN A TEST THAT MEASURES OUR ABILITY TO KILL...
I'M THE SLOWEST ONE HERE, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD ATTRACT THE TITAN'S ATTENTION AND LET THE OTHERS TAKE THEM DOWN FROM BEHIND.
HUH ?
I SEE... IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE A NATURAL LEADER.
I'D WANNA BE IN A SQUAD THAT YOU WERE LEADING.
THAT KIND OF EFFICIENT THINKING AND QUICK-WITTEDNESS...
I THINK IT SUITS YOU.
YOU THINK ...?
Y ...
I HAVE A FEELING I'D SURVIVE THAT WAY.
I WANNA BE IN MARCO'S SQUAD, TOO.

HOLD ON...
THEN I THINK I'D BE DEAD WITHIN 10 SECONDS...
IN ANY CASE, I'D WANT TO AVOID BEING IN A SQUAD WITH A SUICIDAL BLOCKHEAD.
I'D JUMP ON THE MARCO BANDWAGON.
A SQUAD FOR A HYPO-THETICAL RAID ON TROST DIS-TRICT?
OH, JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND CONFESS YOUR LOVE ALREADY, JEAN.
BLOCK HEAD?
TAKE A WILD GUESS.
JUST WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OKAY, OKAY, YOU TWO.
...
AHHH... I'M WORN OUT...
...YOU SHUT UP TOO, CONNIE.
HEY, JEAN? I DON'T REMEMBER LEARNING A MOVE CALLED SUICIDAL BLOCK HEAD...
?! ...I THOUGHT EVERYBODY HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT!
SHUT IT, POTATO GIRL...
RATTLE ガラ
RATTLE ガラ

I'M NOT BRAVE IN THE LEAST.
ME? YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.
CHFF
JEAN, I THINK YOU'D MAKE A BETTER LEADER THAN ME.
CHFF
CHFF
MMM...
WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?
CHFF
CHFF
CHFF
DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...
...BUT JEAN...

...
HEY.

IS THAT...
...MARCO?

TRAINEE, DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?
...
I WASN'T GONNA LOOK...
... BUT ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HAP-PENED...
...TO HIM.
... MARCO ...
WHAT HAP-PENED?
SOME-BODY ...
ANY-BODY ...
...SEE WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?
S...

IF YOU KNOW IT, ANSWER ME RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
...TRAINEE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE WALL WAS PLUGGED UP WITH THE ROCK.
WE HAVE TO PREVENT A SECONDARY DISASTER.
AT THIS RATE, THERE'S A RISK OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.
BUT WE'RE STILL COLLECTING BODIES.

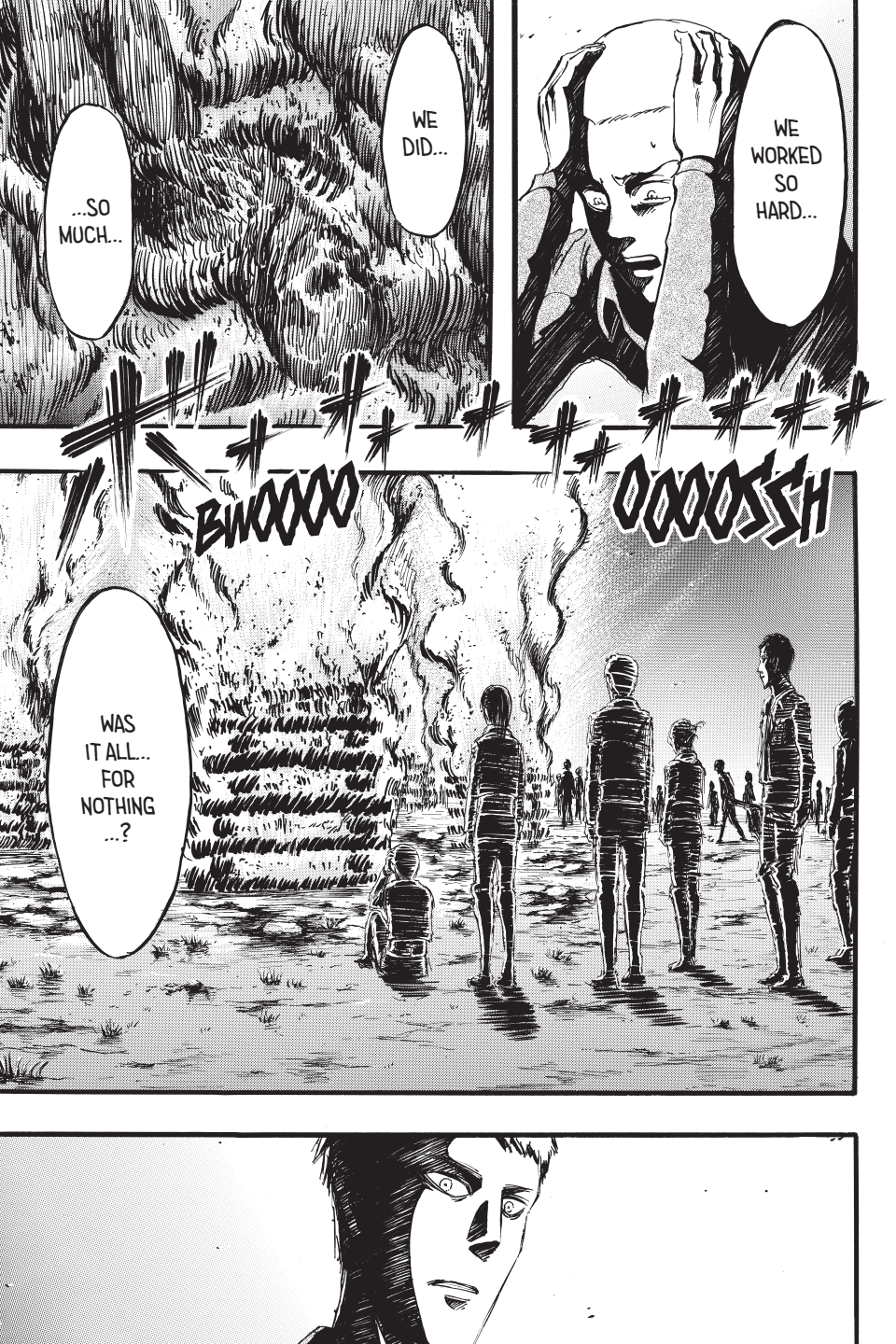
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO TIME TO MOURN YOUR FALLEN COMRADES.
GOT IT?
104TH TRAINING CORPS...
LEADER OF 19TH SQUAD ...
MARCO BOTT...
MARCO... IT'S GOOD YOU KNOW HIS NAME.
LET'S CONTINUE WORKING.
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
カリカリ

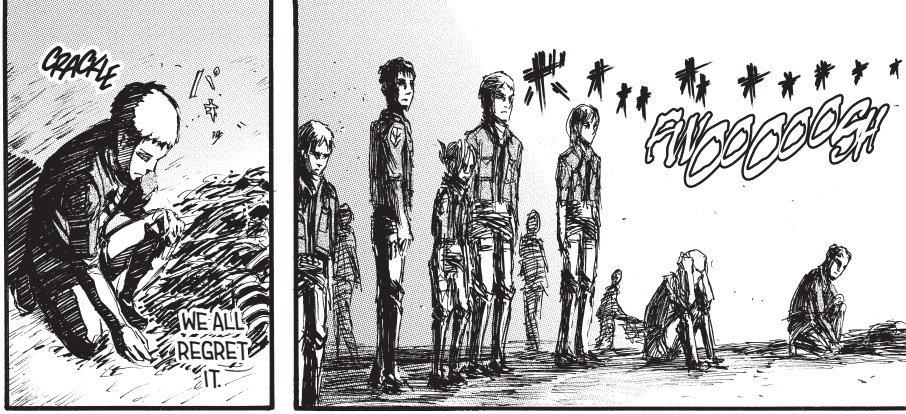
WHAT IS THIS...?

ULP...
TITAN PUKE...
I GUESS THEY DON'T HAVE INTESTINAL TRACTS...
...SO ONCE THEY'VE HAD THEIR FILL, THEY UPCHUCK ALL THE BODIES LIKE THIS.
...OH GOD...
SHIT...
WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL WHO'S WHO LIKE THIS!
I'M SORRY...

I'M SORRY ...
...
AFTER ALL THE TRAINING WE DID...
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET THE FUNERAL OVER WITH.
THERE'S NO POINT IN APOLOGIZING.

HORSE-BACK RIDING...
ENDURANCE RUNS...
UNARMED COMBAT...
LECTURES ON STRATEGY...
TECH-NICAL SKILLS...
VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...


WE WORKED SO HARD...
WE DID...
...SO MUCH...
BWOOOO
OOOOSSH
WAS IT ALL... FOR NOTHING ...?


CRACKLE
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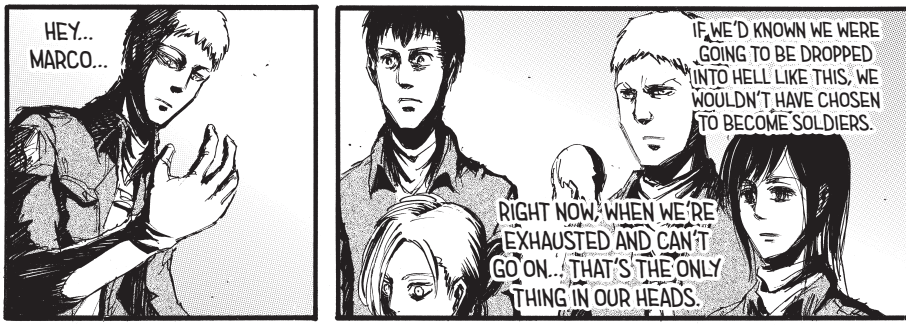
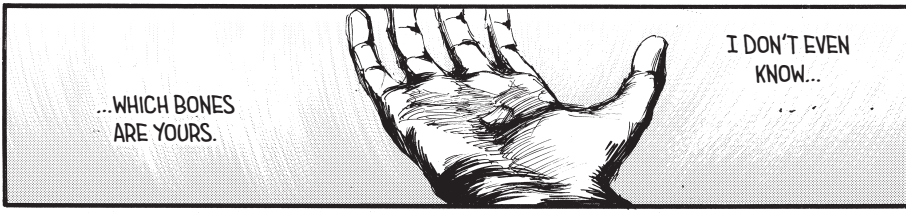
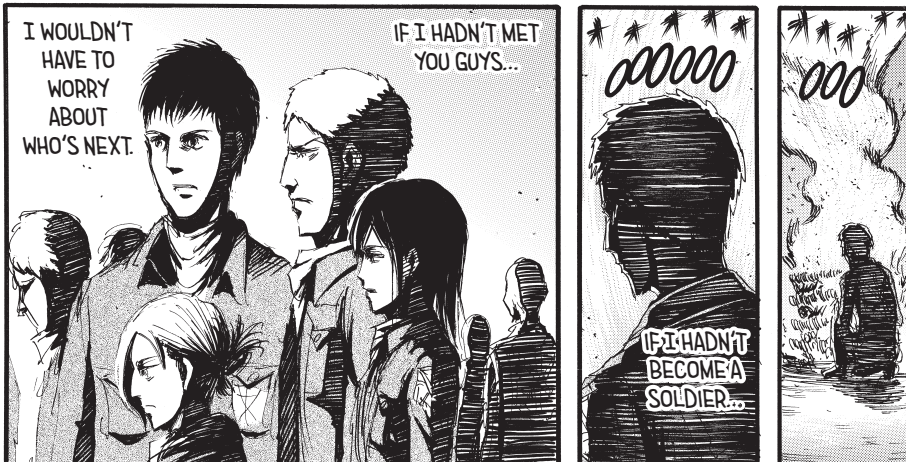
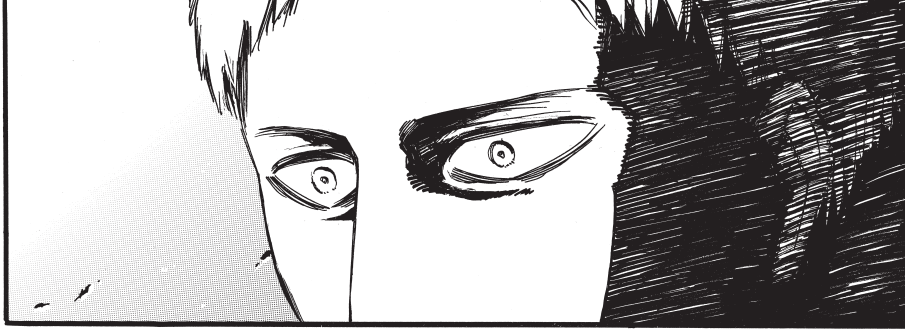
WE ALL REGRET IT.
FWOOOOSH

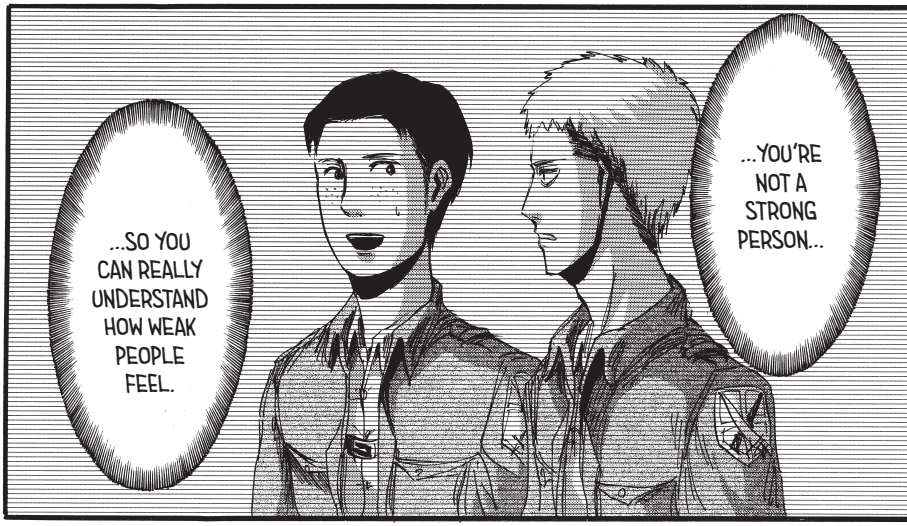

HEY... MARCO...
IF WE'D KNOWN WE WERE GOING TO BE DROPPED INTO HELL LIKE THIS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN TO BECOME SOLDIERS.
RIGHT NOW, WHEN WE'RE EXHAUSTED AND CAN'T GO ON... THAT'S THE ONLY THING IN OUR HEADS.


...WHICH BONES ARE YOURS.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW...


I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHO'S NEXT.
IF I HADN'T MET YOU GUYS...
OOOOO
IF I HADN'T BECOME A SOLDIER...
OOO

I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT, ASSHOLE.
I KNOW I HAVE TO FIGHT...
...THAT YOU'RE GONNA GIVE UP WORKING ON WAYS TO FIGHT THEM?
DO YOU WANNA BE TITAN FOOD SO BAD ...
BUT I'M NOT GONNA TURN INTO AN IDIOT LIKE YOU...
NOT EVERY-BODY...
...IS STRONG LIKE YOU.
DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...
...BUT JEAN...




...YOU'RE NOT A STRONG PERSON...
...SO YOU CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW WEAK PEOPLE FEEL.

...WHAT THE HELL?
BUT YOU'RE ALSO GOOD AT RECOGNIZING WHAT'S GOING ON AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT.
YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

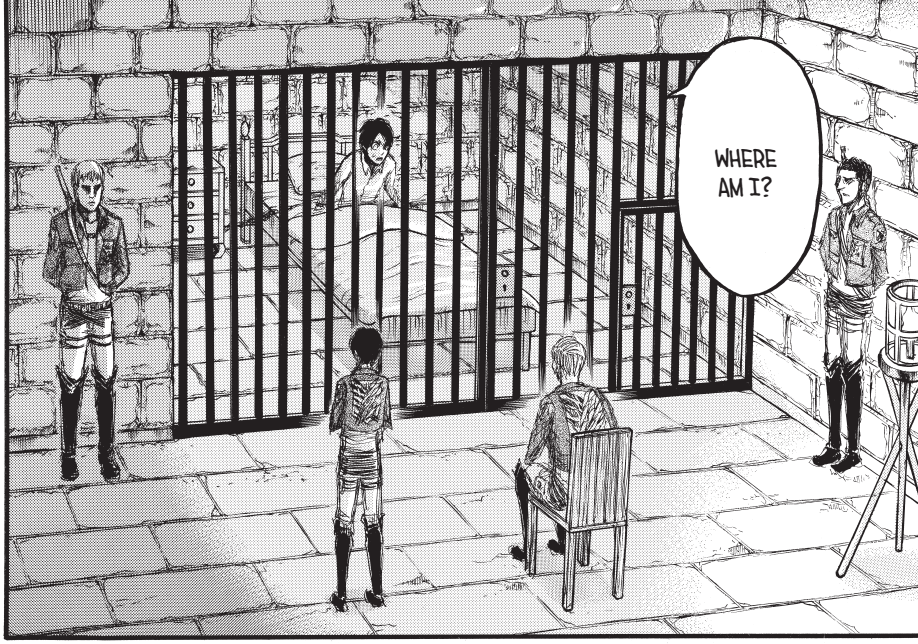
I MEAN... MOST HUMANS ARE WEAK, INCLUDING ME...
BUT IF I GOT AN ORDER FROM SOMEONE WHO SAW THINGS LIKE I DO...
...NO MATTER HOW TOUGH IT WAS, I'D DO MY DAMNEDEST TO CARRY IT OUT.
WHAT ...
... SHOULD I...
...DO NOW?
SQUEEZE

CHFF
HEY... YOU GUYS...
CHFF
CHFF
FWISH
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY ...
CHFF
CHFF
... YOU'RE GONNA APPLY TO?

I...
I'VE DE-CIDED.
I'M...
QUIVER QUIVER
...
I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS.

ALL DAY, THE CANNONS FIXED ON THE WALL NEVER STOPPED FIRING.
IT TOOK A FULL DAY TO MOP UP THE REMAINING TITANS WHO'D BEEN SEALED UP INSIDE TROST DISTRICT.
THOSE LEFT AFTER THAT WERE ELIMINATED BY THE SURVEY CORPS.
MOST OF THE TITANS SWARMING AROUND THE WALL WERE KILLED WITH HIGH-EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES...
AND THE LAST TWO TITANS WERE SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURED ALIVE.

AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE THREE DAYS YOU WERE IN A COMA...
...
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
EREN...
U-UM ...
...AND CAPTAIN LEVI.
COMMANDER ERWIN...
THE TOP LEADER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...


WHERE AM I?

...
WE WERE FINALLY GRANTED THE RIGHT TO SEE YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO.

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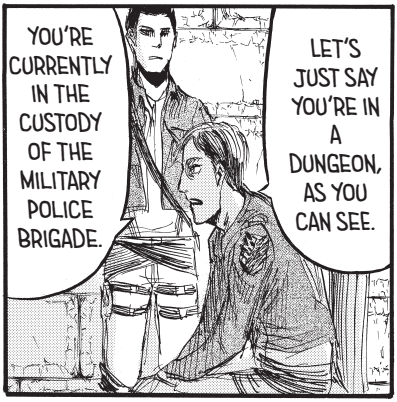
YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.
LET'S JUST SAY YOU'RE IN A DUNGEON, AS YOU CAN SEE.

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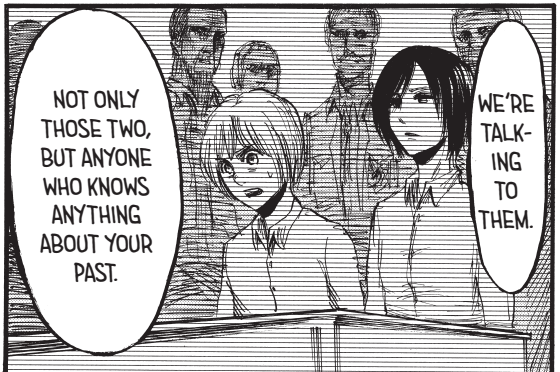
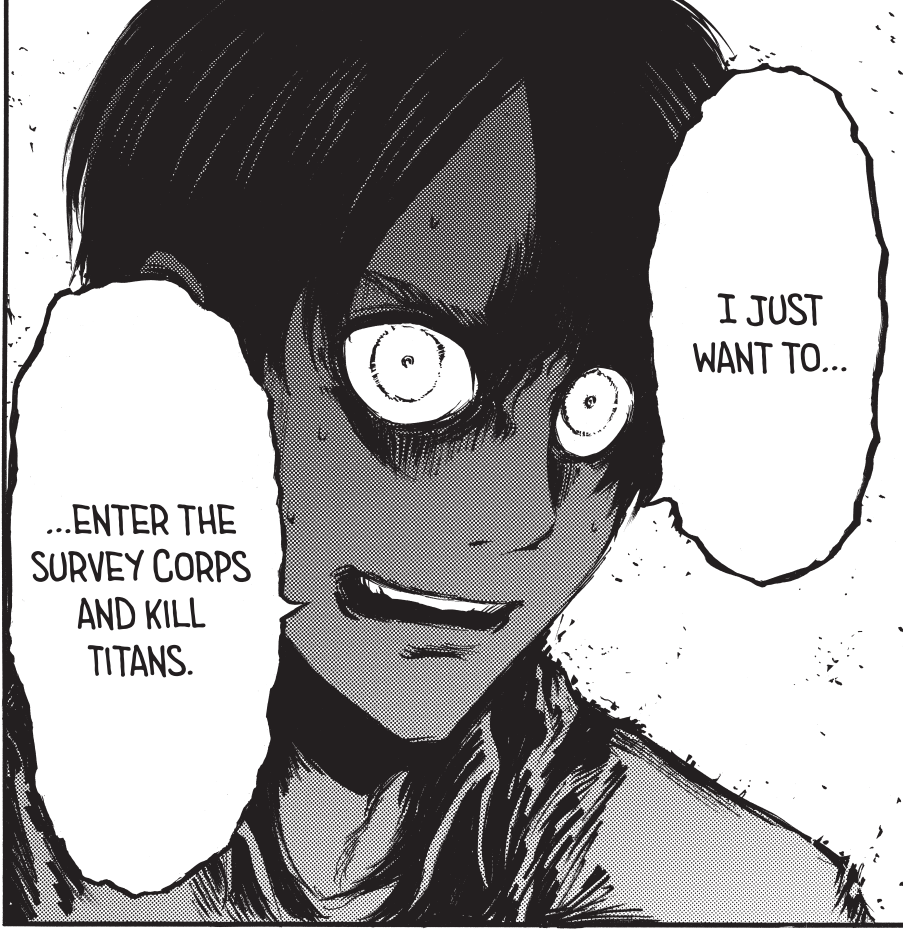

NOT ONLY THOSE TWO, BUT ANYONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PAST.
WE'RE TALK-ING TO THEM.

ALSO... WHERE ARE THE TRAINEES I WAS WITH?!
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NOW?!

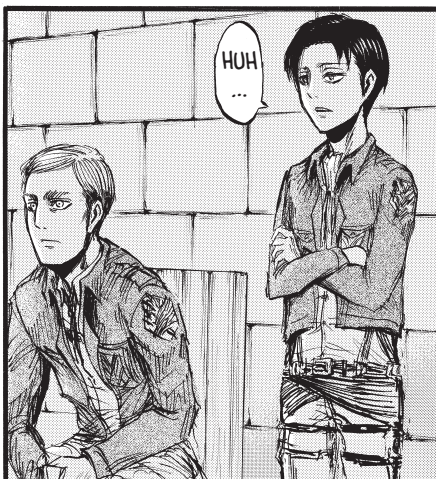
AH...
FWEH
...ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING.
WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT...
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU LATER.
YES... IT'S YOURS.
THAT KEY...
YES... OR AT LEAST... THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER SAID.
AM I RIGHT?
...HOLDS THE SECRET OF THE TITANS.
...OF THE HOUSE WHERE YOU WERE BORN, DR. YEAGER'S HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...
THE BASE-MENT...
LEVI... WE'VE ALREADY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO LIE.
THAT'S A VERY CONVE-NIENT STORY...
YOU HAVE AMNESIA, AND YOUR FATHER IS MISSING...

...!
MY INTEN-TIONS?
...IS ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR INTENTIONS.
THERE'S SO MUCH WE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND... BUT WHAT I THINK WE SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW...
TO INVESTIGATE YOUR OLD HOME, WE'D NEED TO TAKE BACK SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT ON WALL MARIA.
BUT IT WOULD TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO PLUG THE HOLE IN THAT WALL QUICKLY.
WE'D NEED YOUR TITAN STRENGTH.
OUR FATE RIDES ON A TITAN, IT SEEMS.
PERHAPS THE "COLOSSUS TITAN" AND THE "ARMORED TITAN" ARE THE SAME TYPE AS YOU...

I...
...
I...
SHUDDER
THE KEY TO FREEING THE HUMAN RACE FROM THIS DESPAIR.
YOUR WILL IS THE KEY.
SHIVER SHIVER
HEY... ANSWER THE MAN, SCUM.
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO DO?


I JUST WANT TO...
...ENTER THE SURVEY CORPS AND KILL TITANS.

NOT BAD...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